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## LAST MEETING OF COUNCIL OF 1916

City Fathers Wind Up the Year's Work on Tuesday Night.

## WEEKLY HALF HOLIDAY

Provision Made For Taking the Vote as to Which Day Will Be Selected—Committee Appointed to Assist in National Service Campaign—Interesting and Comprehensive Report on Department Work Submitted by the City Superintendent.

The last regular meeting of the City Council of 1916 was held on Tuesday night, Ald. Haggie and Clement being absent from the Board. The most interesting feature of the session was the reading of a long and comprehensive report from the City Superintendent, in which he covered very fully the work of the various departments during the year. The report, portions of which will no doubt be embodied in the reports of the chairmen of the committees which will be published next week, contained many valuable suggestions and recommendations. It had evidently been prepared with great care, and was couched in lucid and convincing terms, showing that Mr. Blakeborough has a very thorough grasp on the affairs of the city coming under his control. He was warmly congratulated by the Mayor and the Aldermen present, on the manner in which his facts and conclusions were presented.

**The Half Holiday.**  
A communication from the city solicitor reminded the Council that it would be necessary to take a vote on the day of the civic elections on the question of fixing the half holiday. Under the Act passed by the last Legislature, each municipality must decide this question by ballot, and the matter was the subject of some discussion, but it was felt that the only duty devolving upon the Council was to see that the referendum was properly taken, and that it would be improper to try and influence public opinion in favor of any particular day.  
Ald. Ball said that, with a view to trying out the selection of a uniform day throughout the Okanagan he had communicated with parties at various towns in the valley. He found that Enderby favored Saturday, but would be willing to fall into line with the town. Armstrong and Kelowna favored a mid-week day, and the president of the Penitentiary Board of Trade also took this view, though another correspondent from Penitentiary, the editor of the paper in that town, was a strong advocate of Saturday. It was conceded that Saturday was the logical day as schools, banks and government offices were then closed, and a man could take his family for an outing; but in a farming community it would be difficult to break away from the practice of shopping on Saturday afternoons and evenings, and business would no doubt suffer if this day were adopted.  
Ald. Shatford said he thought the general public greatly preferred to do their shopping on Saturday. He thought the Retail Merchants Association might take the matter into consideration.

On the motion of Ald. Costerton and Shatford, the Council resolved to do the general public preference, and to do their shopping on Saturday. He thought the Retail Merchants Association might take the matter into consideration.

**National Service.**  
A communication was read from R. B. Bennett, M. P., chairman of the National Service Committee, asking the Council to co-operate with the post office officials in the endeavor to see that registration cards were issued to every male resident between the ages of 16 and 65 during the first week of the year.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen agreed that a determined effort should be made to assist in this patriotic work, and a motion was carried which was moved by Ald. Shatford and Costerton that the Mayor appoint a committee to take charge of this work.

Mr. Worsley appointed Ald. Ball, Costerton and Shatford on this committee.

**Other Communications.**  
A resolution was received from the Council of the Point Grey Municipality, asking the City of Vernon to contribute to the fund for the purchase of a new fire engine.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the Council resolved to contribute to the fund for the purchase of a new fire engine.

Several other communications, including resolutions from the Penitentiary Board of Trade regarding the Inter-Provincial Highway, and from the Vernon Electric Light and Power Company regarding the purchase of a new fire engine.

**Election Day.**  
The necessary motions appointing (A. C. Coshen) returning officer for the civic elections and for the vote on the half holiday were put through. Nominations will be held on the second Monday in January, and election on the following Thursday, January 17th.

**Reports.**  
The Finance Committee recommended payment of city pay sheets, and a number of sundry accounts. The report was adopted. The Electric Light Committee recommended that R. Perrett be con-

## BREWSTER FAVORS STATE INSURANCE

Statement That Government Is Committed to Question Made By Premier.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Premier Brewster has announced that he and his government are committed to the principle of state insurance in connection with the administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act, according to a report presented to the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council. The report was presented at a meeting of the council by a delegation which had been sent to Victoria to urge the appointment of J. H. McVety to the board, which will administer the Compensation Act.

In answer to the question Premier Brewster assured the delegation that the Government had in view as its chief concern an efficient setting up of the machinery of the Compensation Act and its successful operation. The members of the delegation which presented the report comprised officers of the labor councils of Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria.

## MARKING EVERY CANADIAN GRAVE

Small Wooden Cross for Those Who Have Passed Away of Wounds.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The following cable is from the Gazette's London correspondent: "The identification and marking of every grave of a Canadian soldier who dies in England from wounds, disease or accident, is being undertaken by the staff of the adjutant-general of the Canadians in London. Men who die in England are at least to have the honor of having their last resting place marked by the erection of the small wooden cross which is so familiar in the cemeteries of Flanders and France."

These memorials are only of a temporary character, but at the present time they undoubtedly count as more worthy tokens of respect than the costly productions of stonemasons.

**Special Reservations.**  
"As far as possible cemeteries in England are making special reservations for the burial of Canadian soldiers, and Canadian funerals are arranged according to regular military procedure; but the task of marking the graves suitably has been undertaken by the office mentioned. The crosses of which I saw a sample are made of old wood, and are guaranteed to last for forty years. On the top, just above the cross-bar, is the word 'Canada' and on the cross-bar is the man's name with his unit and date of decease below. The work has been in hand now for a month and about 200 of these memorials have been erected."

**Right of Relatives.**  
"As burials have taken place up and down the country, it has been necessary to make many enquiries as to the location of graves; moreover, as cemeteries and churchyards are under the control of local authorities or rectors, permission has to be obtained in each case for the erection of the memorial. 'If relatives prefer to erect a memorial of a more ornate character, they will be at liberty to do so, but in the eyes of most people the simple wooden cross will tell most clearly their 'dear ones' story.'"

## GERMANY WANTS PEACE CONFERENCE

Answer to Wilson's Note Suggests Meeting of Delegates at Some Neutral Point.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—Germany and her allies—Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey—today replied to the note of President Wilson, in which he asked that the belligerents state the aims for which they are fighting. The proposal is made by the Central Powers that a conference of the delegates of all the belligerents be held immediately in a neutral city. The text of the reply, which has been received and considered by the Imperial Government in the friendly spirit in which the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present war.

The text of the reply, which was handed to Ambassador Gerard today is as follows: "The Imperial Government, by the President of the United States of America to create a basis for the establishment of a lasting peace has been received and considered by the Imperial Government in the friendly spirit in which the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present war."

The President points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of roads.

**Immediate Meeting.**  
"To the Imperial Government an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result."

"It begs, therefore, in the name of the declaration made on December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place."

The Imperial Government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing further war can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations.

"It will, when his moment shall have come, be ready, with pleasure, to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

The answer of the Central Powers concludes with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

He was in his position as third engineer at the power house at a salary of \$90 per month. The report was adopted. The Finance Committee recommended payment of city pay sheets, and a number of sundry accounts. The report was adopted. The Electric Light Committee recommended that R. Perrett be con-

## VANCOUVER ELECTORS RETURN BOTH MINISTERS

McTaggart Makes a Surprisingly Good Run Against the Attorney-General.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Hon. M. A. Macdonald was confirmed in the portfolio of Attorney-General at the bye-election yesterday, while Hon. Ralph Smith was swept back into office as Minister of Finance by a handsome majority, topping the poll. Mr. Macdonald won from the independent candidate, Mr. D. E. McTaggart, by 1153 votes. Mr. Smith had twice that majority over Mr. Macdonald. Less than ten thousand votes were cast, which shows a great falling off from the general election in September.

Hon. Mr. Smith's comparatively huge vote yesterday was not surprising in view of his personal popularity and the fact that almost everyone responded to the party urgings to vote two names on the ballot paper. There were not so many plumpers as expected in some quarters. Hardly anyone voted the McTaggart-Macdonald combination. It was almost all "McTaggart-Smith" and "Macdonald-Smith"; no wonder the old Liberal war-horse, as his friends call him, easily headed the field.

**Think Protest Justified.**  
In the ranks of the McTaggart forces the election returns were received with satisfaction and accepted as justifying the protest which their candidate had made by opposing the return of Hon. M. A. Macdonald. It was claimed that for a man without funds or organization and only a handful of personal supporters to come out and oppose the return of a cabinet minister who was supported by the entire cabinet of British Columbia, the result of the brief campaign was a moral victory for their candidate.

Special satisfaction was expressed at the fact that Mr. McTaggart got a substantial majority over the Attorney-General in Ward One, which is in some respects regarded as the premier ward of the city. Mr. McTaggart has been for the past three years president of the Ward One Liberal Association, which has a divided vote a few nights ago requested his resignation from the presidency.

There is one curious result of the bye-election. At the general election Hon. Mr. Macdonald became the senior member for Vancouver by reason of getting the largest number of votes. As a result of the bye-election Hon. Ralph Smith now becomes the senior member for Vancouver, while Hon. Mr. Macdonald becomes the junior member, having fewer votes to his credit than any other of the Vancouver members. An even more curious outcome is that Hon. Mr. Macdonald now holds office in the government on a smaller number of Vancouver votes than those received by Mr. Patrick Donnelly, who was defeated in the general election. At the general election Hon. Mr. Macdonald received 7742 civilian votes in Vancouver, and Mr. Smith 6717, while Mr. Donnelly, the lowest on the Liberal ticket, received 6740 votes, or 728 more than the number received by the Attorney-General in yesterday's poll. Hon. Mr. Smith increased his support yesterday from the Vancouver civilian voters from 6717 to 1406.

**Results by Wards.**  
The following was the vote in the different wards, together with the total:

Ward	Smith	Macd.	McT.
1	1748	1009	1045
2	840	645	345
3	423	358	164
4	919	711	473
5	1166	773	654
6	1769	1198	929
7	250	173	125
8	285	199	146
Totals	7406	5061	3908

**PACKING SCHOOLS.**  
Important Announcement Sent Out by the Department of Agriculture.

The News is in receipt of the following circular letter from W. E. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture, and R. M. Winslow, provincial horticulturist:

The department makes two important announcements with regard to Packing Schools as follows:

**Instruction for Boys and Girls.**  
Where a regular packing school is being held, the instructor will conduct special instruction for boys and girls, which will consist of six sessions of one hour each, from 3.30 to 5.30 each afternoon of the school. To permit of this, the regular school will start earlier and conclude at 3 p. m. Not more than 16 nor less than 12 boys and girls may be enrolled in each school, and the organization guaranteeing the regular school shall arrange, accordingly. Only pupils who are likely to be of service in the fruit packing season shall be entered. No fees will be charged.

**Summer School Packing.**  
In order to refresh the eyes and hands of the pupils of the winter schools, the department will conduct additional two-day courses, for the pupils of such schools. This additional day's instruction will be given at the start of the apple-packing season, in late July or early August. There will be no extra charge or fee. As far as possible, the same instructors as for each winter school will be employed.

On Nov. 16th, 1918, announcements were issued regarding the holding of schools for instruction in packing; a number of applications have been received, but there are uncertainties as to the date of the packing season, which require them but have not forwarded applications. It is asked, therefore, that applications be sent in as soon as possible.

In the season just passed, there was an important amount of loss in the value of our fruit districts, and they are surely needless ones.

There is every prospect for increased crops in all, or nearly all kinds of fruit next season. This increase is to be expected. The proper packing of the fruit is already a matter of anxiety to those most acquainted with the situation.

The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and properly understood, if the Government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

## CITY'S FINANCES IN BETTER SHAPE

Liabilities Have Been Greatly Reduced During the Past Year.

## TO PAY OFF ALL NOTES

Loan Being Arranged With the Bank to Square Outstanding Debts—Mayor Expresses Appreciation of the Cordial Support Given by the Aldermen, and Receives Warm Congratulations and Praise From Members of the Board.

At the conclusion of the Council meeting on Monday night, Mayor Smith gave a brief but eminently satisfactory review of the financial position of the city as compared to that of a year ago.

He pointed out that at the end of 1916 the city owed the bank \$68,225. There was then a debt of \$40,234 due on notes for outstanding liabilities, and on current accounts a further sum of \$7,873 was due, making the total liabilities at the close of 1916 amount to \$116,332.

At the present time the debt to the bank amounted only to \$24,617. A further loan was now being arranged to be utilized to pay off all outstanding notes, so that the next Council would be free of all liabilities except to the bank. This loan was for \$17,850, which would bring the liabilities of the city at the present date, exclusive of the amount due the sinking fund, to a total of \$42,467. This would probably be reduced, he said, by several thousand dollars before the end of the year, as it was expected that further arrears of taxes would be received during the next few days.

The city's assets included at present unpaid taxes for the current year and arrears amounting to \$152,840.

**An Excellent Showing.**  
His Worship said that he thought the Council and citizens had reason to congratulate themselves upon such an excellent showing. It compared very favorably with that which most cities in the province could present and was due to the energetic action of the Finance Committee in collecting arrears of taxes and greatly appreciated the co-operation of all members of the Council in the somewhat hard work of the past year, which had resulted in bringing order out of a muddled condition of affairs. He trusted that next year's Council would carry on the work in the same spirit, as great care would still have to be exercised. It would be the duty of the incoming Council to get the sinking fund into shape, and keep the debt to the bank as low as possible.

**Congratulate the Mayor.**  
Ald. Costerton said that he desired to express his thanks for the appreciation of the services of the aldermen voiced by His Worship. The members of the Council (Continued on Page 10.)

## NATIONAL SERVICE DEMANDS ATTENTION

Every Man in Canada Will Have a Card to Fill Out Next Week.

National Service Week is drawing very near and the fact that the first week of the New Year bears that title is a reminder to everyone in Canada that there is an interest. The men are interested because it is obligatory upon each of them, between the ages of 16 and 65 years, to fill out one of the cards which the Government is sending to every man in Canada.

The women are interested because their co-operation is being invited, in seeing that their men-folk attend to this important duty. The children are interested because their school teachers have explained to them the meaning of National Service and the way in which father and the big brothers at home have to reply to the various questions.

To write in the answers and return the card promptly is a good New Year's resolution for every man throughout the Dominion and it has the advantage of being easy of fulfillment. It only means a few minutes' careful thought. The postman in the cities gets the hard work, for he has not only to deliver the cards; he is responsible also for their proper return. Prompt mailing of the answers will make the postman's work very much easier.

National Service means that we are to get into that frame of mind which will cause us to think of the needs of the country, to realize that the interests of the State have a greater claim on us than our self-interest. This applies to everyone, from the highest in the land to the lowest. The "Prince of Wales" motto "I serve" may well be the motto of every citizen of the British Empire at this time.

There are many ways of serving the nation besides going to the front. The man on the farm and the mechanic in a workshop are serving the nation as usefully as the man in the trenches. Every man should be doing the work which represents his most efficient service to his country.

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## IMPORTANT VICTORY AT EL ARISH

Eleven Hundred Turkish Prisoners Captured by British Forces.

London, Dec. 26.—Following up their victory against the Turks in the capture of El Arish, nine miles east of the Suez Canal, the British forces in Egypt have captured a strong Turkish position at Maghdadah, twenty miles to the southeast of El Arish, taking some 1100 prisoners, two guns and quantities of war material, the war office announced today. The official statement reads:

"On Friday afternoon British mounted troops carried a strong enemy position at Maghdadah, twenty miles south-southeast of El Arish, after an engagement beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Aircraft co-operated, attacking with bombs and machine guns from a low altitude."

"A full report from Maghdadah is not yet at hand. The total captures are now 1130 prisoners at least two guns and a large quantity of war and army material. The enemy's casualties were considerable. Our planes continued to harass the enemy."

The first attack made by the Allies on El Arish was on May 18 of this year. The town is an important post on the enemy line of communications from Syria to Egypt. A squadron of ships attacked the town. The fire reduced a pair of forts, according to reports brought back by the airplanes.

## WOULD CALL OUT ALL SINGLE MEN

General Hughes Thinks All Unmarried Men Between 18 and 45 Years Should Be Called to Colors.

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 26.—The immediate calling out of all single men from 18 to 45 years of age, not exempted under the Military Law, for active service training under the Canadian Militia Act, was the recruiting policy advocated by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, at a large meeting here last night. He declared that the National Service Commission was more or less a failure. Four months of valuable time had already been lost and four months more at least must elapse before the commission could begin to operate with any effect, and even then action would be chaotic. One thing, however, was certain, the public was interested, prompt and decisive action, however, must now be the mandate. The calling out of single men should be done under the act, but in order to remove all doubt regarding compulsory service for overseas the act should be amended so that the militia might be sent abroad for the defense of the Empire. Under this plan, he would undertake to have at least two to three hundred "thousand" men ready "for the front" within four months from the inception of the scheme. He praised the work of the Canadians at the front, giving a review of what he had seen there, and stated that he had found the British Government and the War Office fully in accord with the policy he had advocated, namely, that as far as possible promotion should be made from the ranks on the sole basis of merit.

Sir Sam did not touch on political questions and made no reference to the events which led to his retirement from the cabinet.

## WILSON BLINDED TO EUROPEAN CRISIS

President's Note Strongly Criticized by the Dean of Westminster.

London, Dec. 26.—The Dean of Westminster, Right Rev. Herbert Edward Ryle, preaching in the Abbey yesterday said: "It is our resolve, God helping us, to overthrow military hegemony and to restore the liberties and the peace of the desolated countries, to obtain for these people reparation for their wrongs, and for humanity lasting securities against a recurrence of aggressive violence and crime."

"It is true that the President of the United States, after two years' study of the question, and innumerable notes, seems to believe that the object of the two groups of belligerents is the same. He knows that Germany refuses arbitration, declines a conference and rejected every overture to prevent war. He knows that his own countrymen have poured out money like water to assist the destitute and outraged remnants of the little Belgian people, whose treaty rights were violated and whose frontiers were violated before war was declared. He knows of the infractions of The Hague convention, which the American people have knowingly promoted."

"He knows all the details of the organized atrocities reported upon strictly and impartially by the press of all countries. He knows of the sinking of unarmed passenger ships like the Lusitania and Arabic without notice or warning. He knows of the murder of Captain Fryatt; of the nocturnal deportations of Belgians and French into slavery. He knows of German complicity in Armenian massacres. And yet he is of the opinion that the nations who are leagued to disarm this evil demoniac of national militarism have the same aim in view as the perpetrators of these historic crimes."

"President Wilson has either, in a fit of mental aberration sent the wrong note, or he entirely misapprehended the European situation."

"These things are black and vile. The very thought of them on Christmas Day makes one shudder. Does anyone suppose that peace would be honorable which regarded the assassinations and the defenders of humanity as having in view the same ends? What kind of unity of aim do you expect between wolves and sheepdogs over the fleeces of torn lambs?"

"Peace on the basis of such a hypothesis would be only an armistice, giving an exhausted foe a much needed interval for recuperation before renewed hostilities should be resumed. The memory of the world and the destruction of his rivals with a savage war."

## LARGER RURAL CREDITS PLANNED

Finance Department and Bankers Considering Scheme for Long Term Credits for Farmers.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The Finance Department, which has been in conference with the Bankers' Association are now said to be completing a further plan to provide for larger rural credits in Canada. This is in line with the preparations which are now under way for the post-war period and is being originated with a view to trying to permit all the banking capital that is available in the country being used to the greatest extent possible.

It is understood that the plan that has been drawn up has the approval of the committee of the Bankers' Association that has been conferring on this matter.

During last session Sir Thomas White announced that in the following session, legislation would be brought down dealing with the question of long term credits for farmers.

The conference here last week discussed, and it is believed, endorsed the Finance Ministers' proposals on this question.

## PREMIER WILL ATTEND

Sir Robert Borden and Other Ministers to Be at Imperial Conference.

Ottawa, Nov. 23.—Sir Robert Borden and possibly other members of the Federal Government will go to London for the Imperial Conference which Mr. Lloyd George, in his speech in the House of Commons on Tuesday announced is to be held at an early date.

An Imperial Conference is long overdue. One is supposed to be held every four years, and the last one was in 1911. The conference due last year, however, was postponed owing to the war.

Sir George Perley as overseas minister, and quite possibly Hon. A. E. Kemp, Minister of Militia, will attend the conference, in addition to the Premier.

## BANKRUPT DISCHARGED

Capt. C. W. Ward, Formerly Practiced in British Columbia.

London, Dec. 23.—Capt. Cecil Wardford Ward, who formerly practiced at the British Columbia Bar, and who formed a real estate syndicate, and was connected with a number of Canadian real estate ventures, which collapsed in 1912, has just been granted his discharge in bankruptcy of debts which aggregate £18,000. His assets were £24.

## NO FARMS FOR HUNS

To Be Debarred from Provisions of Homestead Act.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—W. W. Corry, deputy minister of the Interior, this morning confirmed the report that in future western homesteads will not be given to Germans, Austrians, Bulgarians or Turks.

The contract stipulates for weekly shipments of 40,000 cases. In addition coast mills will divide an order for two cargoes, approximately 7,000,000 feet of ties and large dimension timber, at the aggregate figure of \$100,000, which was shipped in March and the other in May, the bottom to be furnished by the Admiralty. A third order for 3,500,000 feet of lumber will be shipped all rail this winter to St. John, and thence by transport to England. This order involves \$75,000.

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Recently a representative of the War Office was on this coast and placed the orders, which are a resumption of Imperial business initiated over a year ago, but which were suspended for some time. The new orders are welcomed by the mills, not so much from the standpoint of profit, for prices, it is stated, are about as low as it is possible to handle the business, but because it will permit of the various firms interested keeping their working forces going and assure steady operation for some months to come. But these orders do indicate that the disposition hitherto shown by the Imperial authorities to secure materials elsewhere had undergone a change and that the business is coming back to British Columbia.

## BIG LUMBER ORDER FOR COAST MILLS

Imperial Government Lets Contract for Over Sixteen Million Feet.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Orders for British Columbia lumber aggregating over 16,000,000 feet, exclusive of an open order for all the spruce available suitable for aeroplane manufacture have been let by the Imperial Government to the Cameron Lumber Company, within the past two or three weeks. One order for 500,000 shell cases, requiring over 6,000,000 feet and aggregating in value \$150,000, has been awarded to the Cameron Lumber Company and Lomon Company of Victoria, the B. C. Timber and Trading Company of Vancouver, and the B. C. Manufacturing Company and Brunst & Saw Mills Company of New Westminster, about two-thirds of the order going to the first named.

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London, Dec. 26.—The Admiralty announces that two destroyers were sunk in a collision in the North Sea on December 21 during very bad weather. Six officers and forty-nine men were lost.

## NEUTRAL NOTES INSPIRED BY HUNS

France Believes That Internal Troubles Are Bringing Germany to Her Knees.

## NO PEACE CONFERENCE

Despite the Statement That Germany Is Preparing to Send Delegates to the Hague, London Opinion Is That a Conference Is Not Probable at Present—German Advocates of Frightfulness Prepared to Force War With United States.

Paris, Dec. 27.—France has for a long time refused to take much stock in the stories of German internal troubles, economic difficulties, starvation and that kind of thing. Information here, which was very carefully gathered, did not lead us to believe them. But now it is different. There is no doubt Germany is in serious difficulties. The time for a peace conference is rapidly approaching. No one believes that so many moves, German, American and Swiss, would have been made simultaneously unless inspired by "Germany." There is now more direct evidence of the German position. The latest statement of the Papal Nuncio in Vienna that the Austrian Emperor asked the Pope to intercede for peace. Then there are the disorganizations and recent rapid changes in the Austrian cabinet, all pointing directly to divisions in Austria-Hungary on the question of the German policy. These divisions and the request to the Pope unmistakably indicate differences between the Central Empires. The conclusion is not to be avoided that there are serious internal troubles in Germany, as well as between the brothers of the alliance. Switzerland is one of the best places from which to observe Germany, and reports from Switzerland all say that they think "Germany is in deep trouble. Germany is surely breaking. She needs peace now and needs it in a hurry."

London, Dec. 27.—A despatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph Company says the German agents have arrived at The Hague to make preliminary arrangements for German delegates to the peace conference suggested in the German reply to Wilson's note.

**Conference Improbable.**  
London, Dec. 27.—It is not believed in official circles here that there exists any possibility of a peace conference as proposed in the German reply to President Wilson's note. Germany is willing to make suggestions in advance regarding her ideas of terms.

London, Dec. 27.—Communications continue to pass between the capitals of the Entente regarding the reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers. The answer has been prepared in Paris, and is the subject of discussion between the various ministers. It is unlikely any steps will be taken by Britain and other countries of the Entente with regard to Wilson's note, and the Swiss counterpart, until the Entente have dealt with the German proposals. It is understood here that the reply does not give specific terms, but refers generally to the objects of the Allies.

**Note from Sweden.**  
Bern, Dec. 27.—The Tagblatt's announced that Swedish representatives have handed to both belligerents and neutrals a note in support of those of Wilson and the Swiss government.

**United States Threatened.**  
New York, Dec. 27.—The Herald in a prominently displayed article declares it is enabled to announce authoritatively that the German government is mandating of their government resumption of campaign of frightfulness even at a cost of war with the United States. Ambassador Gerard says the article came to America to effect some arrangement so that peace could be maintained. He says a personal instance of the German Emperor, aided by influence of Bethmann-Hollweg has kept an order from German submarine commanders to sink every ship approaching a British port whether armed or unarmed.



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## PROVINCIAL AND GENERAL

The United States Coal Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, announced it would give its 4000 employees a Christmas gift in the form of a 10 per cent. wage increase.

Dr. James M. Taylor, president emeritus of Vassar College, who was president for twenty-seven years, until February 2, 1914, is dead in his 68th year.

Final reading was given in the assembly of the Quebec Legislature Tuesday evening to the bill authorizing the provincial treasury to pay one million dollars to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

That the entire nation ultimately will go dry, and that the government immediately must begin consideration of the work of replacing the \$227,000,000 liquor tax, was the subject of a Resolutions Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington.

A recent despatch credited James H. Thomas, Labor member of the House of Commons, with the statement that the government had decided to take over the Irish railroads and thus avoid a threatened strike.

The Russian Government has placed orders for fifty additional large engines with the Canadian Locomotive Company. This makes a total of 380 ordered in the last month, of which will be delivered by the company.

The campaign to raise the sum of \$100,000 for the new Masonic Temple at Toronto has resulted in over \$40,000 being subscribed to date. There are 315 canvassers taking part in the campaign, and reports are made nightly at a dinner held in the Temple Building, where Mr. John Ross Robertson presides. Mr. Robertson said a few days ago that the full amount could be raised in the campaign.

Senator Wadsworth's resolution to authorize an increase in the amount of water diverted from Niagara Falls to increase the electric power output of the river was passed last week by the Senate. The measure aims to increase the American power output to make up for the curtailment of power from the Canadian side which is being kept at home for munitions plants and other military uses.

With a view to curtailing travel and thus enabling British railways to use more rolling stock for war and food purposes, it has been decided to decrease, after the first of the year, the number of passenger trains and to increase fares 50 per cent. This will not apply to workmen's tickets or to season tickets for distances not exceeding forty miles. This decision was announced by the Government in the House of Commons last week.

The prices at which the Australian federal state governments contract to supply essential raw products are far below those which any private firm could quote. The government of Queensland has contracted with the Imperial Government to supply next year 34 3/4 cents and 3 1/2 cents a pound. Premier Hughes has told the House of Representatives that the whole of the Australian wool clip which had not passed under the hammer on November 23 will be sold to Britain at a price of 31 cents a pound.

Two little boys were burned to death, a little girl was seriously burned, while an adult suffered burns to head and body when a party of 15, headed for Humboldt, Minn., to spend the Christmas holidays, was hemmed in by the blazing canvas sleigh cover or top, caused by the overturning of the coal stove, used for heating the vehicle, when the sleigh skidded. The party comprised the family of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Matthews and seven children of Redvers, Sask., and Mrs. C. A. Redvers, wife of W. Wilson of Humboldt was driving the sleigh. Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Yates are sisters, and Wilson is their father. The dead were the two youngest sons of the Matthews family.

Owing to the rapid growth of the Montreal Harbour Commission's work, it has been found necessary to appoint a director, charged with the duties of the organization and supervision of the various branches of the undertaking. The Order-in-Council, creating the new post appoints S. A. Armstrong to fill the position. True, he has for the last seven years been assistant provincial secretary of Ontario. The high capacity and energy with which he has carried out the duties of that office are generally recognized. Among other matters, he has had charge of the construction and organization of the Provincial Reformatory at Guelph and the hospital for the insane at Whitby, and has supervised their administration.

Grain received in the elevators of the Montreal Harbour Commission's work, at the end of November, has piled up the very respectable total of 71,646,455 bushels. Of this amount the harbor commissioners' elevators provided 46,381,926 bushels, and the G. T. R. elevators the remainder 25,264,529 bushels. From the harbor elevators alone this is an increase over last year of 11,197,454 bushels, and the Grand Trunk total export greatly exceeds that of last year as well. The receipts in the harbor commissioners' elevators alone during the current season to the end of November were 47,688,804 bushels, and an two-thirds of this amount has come in by rail December will probably add some more to the total. In 1915 for the same time the total receipts were only 41,862,841 bushels, so that there is this year an increase of 11,197,454 bushels.

The heaviest penalty ever given in a Vancouver police court for an offence against the drug act was imposed on Pate Gong last week by Deputy Magistrate J. H. Macdonald. Gong was fined \$500 and costs, the maximum amount, with the option of six months in jail, for selling to cents worth of cocaine to John Schaffer, a victim of the drug habit. While the sale was being made in Gong's room at the Royal Rooms, Tender Street East, Detectives Killean and Denning stood outside the door, listening. They arrested Gong, Schaffer and a soldier named Gilbert, who is serving a month's sentence for the cocaine in his possession. Gong had been the sensational statement in police court the other day that there were 150 cocaine sellers in Vancouver.

Pope Benedict has no intention of attempting to be a mediator agent for the belligerents at present, according to a statement issued by the Vatican.

The value of narcissus bulbs involved at the American consulate at Amoy, China, for the United States increased, in value from \$3,450 for the first nine months of 1915 to \$14,620 for the same period in 1916.

The Chamberlain family, which has given the Empire two statesmen, father and son, is now called upon for a third. Mr. Arthur Neville Chamberlain, who is now mayor of Birmingham, has been asked to take the duty of Director of National Service.

W. I. Griffith, the high commissioner to the Dominion, has been created a commissioner to administer the oath of allegiance and the oath of office to persons who may be appointed to discharge any duty under the Canadian Government within the United Kingdom.

Capt. De Beauchamp, who in November made a flight to Munich and dropped bombs on the town, has been killed. He met his end in an air fight with the German lines. In his flight to Munich Capt. De Beauchamp crossed the Alps and covered a distance of 437 miles.

Lieut.-Col. (Dr.) Andrew R. Gordon, a well-known Toronto physician, and brother of Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), died last week, the victim of an illness contracted while on active service. Lieut.-Col. Gordon is survived by his widow, a son, A. R. Gordon, C. M. T. C., and a daughter.

Hon. W. J. Hanna has resigned the portfolio of Provincial Secretary in the Ontario Cabinet. W. D. McPherson, K. C., M. P., has been appointed to replace him. Hanna himself has his place in the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture in succession of the late Hon. James S. Duff.

Announcement was made last week that the Dominion Express Company had granted an increase of ten per cent in wages to all employees in the service for six months or more, and receiving less than \$2,000 a year. It means to the company an additional annual expenditure of half a million dollars.

The Doukhobor settlement at Brilliant, near Nelson, has donated 24,000 lbs. of jam "for use in Canada for the suffering ones caused by the war." The gift will make a carload, and is valued at \$5,000. The jam is made from fruit grown in their own gardens, and is noted throughout the country for its excellent quality.

Both Houses of the Danish Parliament have approved the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The Landthings, or Upper House, voted favorably upon the proposition last week, 40 to 19. The bill for ratification of the treaty was adopted by the Folketing last week.

By March 31, 1917, the total credits opened by the French Government since the beginning of hostilities will amount to 72 1/2 billion francs, says Raoul Perrot, director of the budget committee of Chamber of Deputies, in recommending the vote of a provisional appropriation of \$800,000,000 francs to pay the expenses of the first quarter of 1917.

Ignazio D. Effrem Rahmani, Patriarch of the Syrian Catholic Church in Antioch, has been assassinated by a band of Turks, according to news received at the Vatican. The assassination took place in the Patriarch's residence at Marjayoun. Information received at the Vatican is to the effect that the situation in Syria is alarming, the population being terrorized and in a starving condition.

Tsia Yi Ting, vice-minister of foreign affairs, appeared before the lower House of Parliament in Peking, last week, and answered questions concerning a rumor that China was preparing to join the Entente. He declared that China absolutely was not considering entering the European struggle, and that she would maintain the strictest neutrality. Tsia Yi Ting spoke as the representative of Premier Tuan Chi Jui.

The will of John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, died for probate, about an estate roughly estimated at \$20,000,000. The will named his widow and children, with the exception of a few minor bequests. The widow receives Mr. Archbold's Tarrytown home and a one-third share of the estate. The children, Mrs. Marie A. Vanbusch, John F. Archbold, and the remainder in equal proportions.

Privates M. Kittredge, Montreal and J. B. Jenkins, Vancouver, have escaped from a German prison camp and have reached England. They were on working parties and for some time contemplated a bid for freedom. They travelled by night and hid by day, swimming an icy cold river at one point. It is inadvisable to publish details concerning this or other escapes for the sake of comrades remaining in Germany.

Canada's trade keeps on growing by unprecedented leaps and bounds. All records are monthly being smashed, and the November trade figures issued by Hon. Dr. Reid today create a further new record. The November trade for the month of November was \$182,243,741 as against \$118,149,475 for the same month of 1915. For the eight months of the fiscal year, the total was \$1,266,444,975 as against \$775,595,248 for the same period last year, or an increase of \$490,849,727, or as much as a two-billion dollar trade only about a decade ago. By the end of the fiscal year the total trade will reach nearly the two billion dollar figure. These figures are exclusive of coin and bullion.

Senator Robert Mackay died last week in Montreal. Senator Mackay was of Scotch origin. He was born in Cathness, Scotland, in 1840, and came to Canada when 15 years of age. After finishing his education in Montreal he entered business in the employ of his uncle, a well-known merchant. He subsequently entered into business. He retired from the business in 1903 and since then had devoted his whole attention to his private interests and investments. He was rated a "millionaire" in 1907. He was a member of the Senate of the Montreal Standard as at the basis of Canadian finance. Senator Mackay came to Montreal as a Liberal in 1898 and 1900. He was called to the Senate in 1901.

The Lewis machine gun, now used extensively by the Canadian forces, has been definitely rejected by the United States War Department, which has let contracts for 4000 Vickers machine guns and accessories, at a cost of \$5,500,000.

Boston has voted to continue the licensed sale of liquor after the live-licensed campaign on the liquor question that the city has had in years. The vote in favor of license was 25,458 against 22,997. Last year the vote for license was 46,115 and 31,877 against.

Application from one hundred women of Windsor and its vicinity have been received by the executive committee of the Windsor branch of the Canadian Women's Emergency Corps to take up any line of work to fill the place of soldiers who are at the front. The majority of the applications are for chauffeur's positions.

Parents of children, garbed as soldiers are to be prosecuted, according to orders issued by the headquarters for the Winnipeg military district. Orders have been received that persons wearing uniforms which even resemble those adopted by the military are to be fined \$50 or in default sentenced to serve three months in jail. This order was sent from Ottawa for the purpose of putting a stop to hundreds of parents dressing their children as soldiers of all ranks. Such an order has been in force in England for some months and all offenders are severely dealt with.

A high estimate was placed on the value of the British "tank" as a weapon to offset the effect of the German machine gun warfare, by Dr. J. W. Robertson, guest of honor at the Rotary Club dinner in Toronto last week. In relating some of the facts which he met while in Europe, Dr. Robertson expressed his belief that "tanks" will be used extensively in the spring when more active operations begin. "I think when the spring comes," he said, "the British will put on from 10 to 20 tanks for every mile of the 150-mile front."

The judicial commissioners who tried the case of Mr. Sheppard, speaker of the Saskatchewan legislature, accused of corrupt conduct, could not agree as to the verdict. Mr. Sheppard was acquitted, or was informed, that he could not sit in the legislature while the charge was under investigation and resigned. Last week he was a candidate for re-election in the district of Moose Jaw. He was defeated by a Conservative opponent, but he was defeated by his Conservative opponent. The election seems to have turned on the moral issue, for a large Liberal majority was polled by Mr. Sheppard in previous contests.

Hon. W. T. Crothers takes the position that a wholesaler has no right to dictate the price at which a retailer shall sell his commodities. A case in point has arisen in Ottawa, where a wholesaler refused to supply of sugar because he lowered the price set. When the matter was reported to the department of labor the producer in Western Ontario declared the information "absolutely false," in the original intimating that the wholesaler would be supplied because of the cut in price. The minister has written to the refiners enclosing the letter and demanding an explanation.

The visit of the massed Canadian band to Paris was a great success. After the rehearsal on Saturday the bands gave a concert in the Trocadero on Sunday afternoon. They were welcomed by Lieut.-Col. E. H. Lebel, Quebec, of the Canadian hospital. Bandmaster Eugene Goessens conducted the performance, which were enthusiastically applauded. Madame Litvinne sang "O Canada." In the evening the bands were the guests of the Grand Opera, where they played on the stage. On Monday they visited Versailles and in the evening played a popular programme.

The provincial treasurer's licensing bill, introduced in the Quebec legislature last week has all the radical amendments to this liquor license act which have been anticipated, and a few others as well. As regards control of the liquor traffic, the bill provides for enactments as follows: Bars are to disappear by May, 1918, being replaced by cafes with tables. Wholesalers are to be taken place at once in the number of licenses held throughout Quebec province and those which remain in force will be under increased taxation, which will mean for the government the same revenue as with the larger number of licenses now in effect.

Messrs. Evans &amp; Hastings Printing Company of Vancouver, has applied to the Supreme Court for a voluntary winding up of the company. The petition was taken place at once in the company was organized in 1910 with a capital of \$200,000, of which \$100,000 was paid up. The assets, not including the capital stock, at what they could be sold today are valued at \$22,473, and the liabilities at \$22,473. The winding up is to be effected by the liquidator of the Bank of Vancouver is threatening to take action to recover on a claim of \$23,587 and if the plan is sold by the sheriff less will be secured than if sold as a going concern.

The trade and commerce department has issued a recapitulation of the western grain shipments for the first three months of the grain movement closing November 30. The total amount of grain inspected was 17,603,300 bushels, compared with 17,192,500 bushels for the same period of 1915. The cars handled in 1916 were 83,571 and 152,569 in 1915. The wheat inspected was 76,842,800 in 1916 as against 138,928,625 in 1915. With regard to the inspection of grain, the inspection, compared with 26,947,700 in 1915 for the same period. Barley shipments were 347,350 bushels, against 4,977,700 in 1915. There was also double the amount of flax handled.

TO HUNT SUBMARINES, Canadians Afforded Chance to Serve on Atlantic.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Following a report of German submarines operating in the North Atlantic trade routes, the cruiser fleet patrolling the North Atlantic, and the eastern shores of Canada, is to be increased immediately. The vessels in the increased patrol service are to be manned by Canadians, as far as possible. The call is issued for men with previous sea training, up to the age of 45. A feature of the appeal is for boys from 15 to 18, who will train with the men. Commanding Officer Jarvis, naval recruiting officer for Ontario, with headquarters at Toronto.

## ENCOURAGED BY WESTERN TOUR

Sir Robert Borden Much Pleased With Spirit of People in the Four Western Provinces.

Brandon, Dec. 22.—"The message I take from the west to the east is one of encouragement and good cheer," said Sir Robert Borden, today, after a tour across the continent with R. B. Bennett, M. P., director-general of national service.

At the great meetings held in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Moose Jaw, Regina, and now in Brandon, as well as the numerous spontaneous gatherings that developed along the road, there stood out sharply revealed the spirit of sacrifice, the resolution to win and the consequence that co-ordination of effort alone can obtain our object. "Wonderful as have been these meetings," the Premier went on, "we realize that they are but the trumpet-call to the assembly of the host. But though it is only the beginning, Sir Robert could not but be launched on his work of searching and patient organization under more inspiring auspices. The success of the task we have in hand depends on the support of the individual citizen, and on his readiness to place himself at the disposal of the state by doing his utmost at his patriotic duty. We have to enlist the public service or, greatest privilege of all, to join his comrades in arms. But whatever his vocation, he is a soldier-citizen if he renders service to the state by doing his utmost at his patriotic duty."

"We haven't had to emphasize the non-political and non-partisan character of the meetings," said Sir Robert. "In the heart of the people there is a sense of the need of the people of Canada stand with united front. It was my privilege to speak from the same platform as the Liberal premiers or cabinet ministers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, while in Alberta the night before last we had an eloquent appeal of Dr. Michael Clark, M. P."

Tribute to B. C. "And what a treasure experience it has been! That wonderful province of British Columbia keeping faith on the slopes of the Pacific and true as steel to the ideals of civilization now at issue on the plains of Europe—that province through its first minister of the crown, declared to me that great though had been her sacrifice in this war, she had yet greater to offer, for the day of the Empire's need was the welcome hour of her opportunity."

Sir Robert said that he wished the time had permitted him to address meetings in every city and town of British Columbia and the prairie provinces. "At all western meetings," he went on, "nothing struck me more than the intense attention we received. The serious-minded people of the prairies bring something more than enthusiasm for victory into the great, overwhelming business of the war. They bring a determination to see it through. They who have so nobly responded in the past, are pledged anew to devote of their best in unstinted measure. Their resolve is to halt at no obstacle, to be deterred by no sacrifice, to press on unwaveringly to the attainment of the only sure foundation of a lasting peace—victory in the field."

## HINTS AT CAMPAIGN OF FRIGHTFULNESS

Germany Will Treat Armed Ships as War Vessels.

London, Dec. 23.—The Exchange Telegraph Company's Amsterdam correspondent quotes the following from the Berlin Zeitschrift Rundschau: "The German Government has now formally taken the position that British armed commercial and passenger steamships are men-of-war, being armed auxiliary cruisers. The promise given America—which has always hindered our submarine warfare—that these vessels, before being torpedoed must be stopped and be examined, falls to the ground. They are warships and must be treated as such, even when Americans are on board."

The German facilities for extending the undersize boat war which all sensible people have long recognized as unavoidable and indispensable. This is the best reply to Premier Lloyd George's refusal of our peace offer."

## PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

King's Speech Makes No Mention of Peace Proposals.

London, Dec. 22.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what might be expected in the future with respect to it. Neither the note nor the German peace proposal was mentioned in the King's speech read in both Houses.

The speech from the throne was one of the briefest on record. It expressed confidence in the ultimate victory of the Empire, and determination to prosecute the war "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

The text of the King's speech was as follows: "My Lords and Gentlemen: I rough out the months that have elapsed since I last addressed you, my navy and army, in conjunction with those of our gallant and faithful allies, have, by their unceasing vigilance and indomitable valor, justified the high trust I placed in them. I am confident that however long the struggle, their efforts, supported by the inflexible determination of all my subjects throughout the Empire, will finally achieve the glorious consummation of those aims for which I entered into the war. "My government has been recon-structed with the sole object of furthering those aims unaltered and unimpaired. I thank you for the unflinching liberality with which you continue to provide for the burdens of the war. "The vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavor until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation. In this sacred cause, I am assured of the united support of all my peoples, and I pray that the Almighty God may give us His blessing."



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## BANK'S BUSINESS GROWS

Annual Balance Sheet of Canadian Bank of Commerce

Is Promising.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The figures of the annual balance sheet and statement of profit and loss of the Canadian Bank of Commerce as at November 30, 1916, show a highly satisfactory progress made by this institution during the past twelve months. In almost every item an increase appears.

The net profits, after making full provision for all losses or doubtful assets, represent 16 per cent. of the bank's capital, and the usual dividends at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, with the customary bonus of 2 per cent., have been paid to the shareholders during the financial year just closed. As compared with November 30, 1915, the total assets exhibit an increase of \$38,000,000, the interest-bearing deposits have been enlarged by \$25,854,000, and those not bearing interest have been increased by \$9,520,000. As is well known, there has been a lessened demand for money for commercial transactions, but even in view of this the bank's advances for business purposes are some \$5,000,000 more than last year.

In its issue of notes, the highest figures in the history of the bank have been reached, consisting of current coin \$26,975,000—this including \$8,000,000 deposited in the central gold reserve—legal tenders \$19,315,000, with other liquid assets, such as government and municipal bonds, balances due by other banks, call loans, etc., and a clear indication of the exceptionally strong position which the bank occupies in this respect. The entire reserves are 56 per cent. of its deposits and half of its total liabilities to the public. The staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce has unquestionably done its full share in the prosecution of the war; over 1200 of its members have been given commissions or have enlisted, figures which represent 85 per cent. of the male officers between the ages of 18 and 45, and 60 per cent. of the entire staff of men and 40 per cent. of the number on the bank's rolls.

"Now," asked the teacher, "who can tell me what an oyster is?" Silence for a moment, while small brows were knit in strained effort at remembrance. Then the little Tommy's facial muscles relaxed, and eagerly he raised his hand. "I know," he triumphantly announced. "An oyster is a fish built like a nut."

## MILLION MORE MEN

British Commons Authorizes Increase in Army.

London, Dec. 23.—The House of Commons yesterday passed a resolution presented by the Government "that an additional number of land forces not exceeding 1,000,000 shall be maintained at home and abroad."

It was explained that no question of policy was involved but that the extra troops and forces of the Crown exceeded the 4,000,000 already authorized and a vote was necessary in order to regularize the position.

## THE NAME OF FRANCE.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, who has resigned his post as United States ambassador in order to be free to resume his literary work, has announced in the title of the poem "The Name of France."

Give us a name to fill the mind With the shining thoughts that lead To the glory of learning, the joy of art— A name that tells of a splendid part In the long, long toll and the strenuous fight Of the human race to win its way From the ancient darkness into the day. Of freedom, brotherhood, equal right— A name like a star—a name of light: I give you France!

Give us a name to stir the blood With a warmer glow and a swifter flood At the touch of a courage that conquers fear— A name like the call of a trumpet, clear And silver-sweet and iron-strong. That brings three million men to their feet, Ready to march and steady to meet The foe who threatens that name with wrong— A name that rings like a battle-note. I give you France!

Give us a name to move the heart With the strength that noble griefs impart— A name that speaks of the blood out-poured To save mankind from the sway of the sword— A name that calls the world to share The burden caused at stake in the Where the world's free life And the rule of the people everywhere— A name like a vow—a name like a prayer: I give you France!



# 2 Days Month End Sale

## Ringing Out the Last Days of 1916 with Timely Bargains

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### Month End Bargains in Ready-to-Wear

#### Women's Flannelette Gowns

Extra quality Flannelette in white and pink, also stripes; high neck, long sleeves; good roomy garments. Regular \$1.50. Month End Sale. **98c**

#### Corset Covers

Well made Covers trimmed lace and embroidery. Reg. to 50c. Month End Sale. **25c**

#### Children's Pullover Sweaters

Button on shoulder; colors navy, saxe, cardinal, white. **89c and \$1.39**

#### Flannelette Petticoats

Every woman should be interested in these; white only, with embroidered frills. Month End Sale. **59c and 69c**

#### Ladies' Flannelette Drawers

Both styles, striped only. Month End Sale, per pair. **69c a pair**

#### Washable Silk Waists

Made of a heavy quality Jap silk, tucked front; smart roll collar; flesh and white; all sizes. Month End Sale. **\$2.49**

#### Cosy Kimonas

Beautiful soft blanket cloth in floral designs; trimmed satin band, and cord girdle. Worth up to \$4.50. Month End Sale. **\$2.98**

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BOYS' SAFETY SLEIGHS, Regular \$3.25. Month End Sale. **\$2.15**

BOYS' SLEDS with runners. Reg. 40c. Month End Sale. **25c**

GALVANIZED SNOW SHOVELS—21 in. scoop. Month End Sale. **98c**

ROASTING PANS—12x17. Month End Sale. **20c**

ROASTING PANS—13x19. Month End Sale. **25c**

ENAMEL ROUND BAKE TINS—9 inch. **17c**

WASH BOILERS—Galvanized. Month End Sale. **\$1.65**

BROWNWARE TEAPOTS—4 cup size. Month End Sale. **20c**

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Pretty floral designs and borders; something to brighten up the home. Reg. 15c. Month End Sale. **11c**

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In colors of green, tan, red and blue floral designs. Reg. value 25c. Month End Sale. **19c**

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CANADA CORN STARCH—3 pkts. for. **25c**

BEST JAP RICE—Special 4 lbs. for. **25c**

MOLASSES SNAPS—Month End Sale, 2 lbs. for. **25c**

BULK SODA BISCUITS—Month End Sale, 2 lbs. for. **25c**

H. B. CO. No. 8 TEA—Month End Sale, 3 lbs. for. **\$1.00**  
H. B. CO. SPECIAL BLEND COFFEE—You will enjoy your morning meal with a cup of this coffee. 3 lbs. for. **\$1.00**

B. C. MILK—20 oz. tin. Month End Sale, 2 for. **25c**

CLARK'S SOUPS, Assorted. 2 for. **25c**

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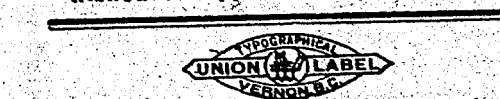
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## THE NEW YEAR.

Once more the portals of a new year swing open upon a scene of gory conflict. Behind us lie long and weary months of desperate struggling; before us stretches a vista that is enshrouded in the smoke of myriad battlefields. Let us hope that before 1917 reaches its close the blessed hush of peace may once more fall upon a war-ravaged world. This hope seems justified by the present course of events, but nobody dare with any degree of certainty venture upon a prediction as to what the coming year may have in store for us. It may, however, be said without dispute that even should the termination of another twelve months find us still locked in the deadly embrace of war, we shall at least have advanced measurably nearer to the termination of the ghastly carnage which now hangs like a blood-drenched pall in front of the picture of the future.

Apart entirely from the extraordinary conditions entailed by the strife of nations, there are certain thoughts that seem naturally to fall into place at this season. Nobody regards the first of January with indifference. To some it is but a festive period when good fellowship reigns supreme, and the "compliments of the season" are passed among friends and acquaintances. But to others, especially those who have passed beyond the confines of youthful years, a certain amount of sadness is bound to be mingled with the mirth and joy which accompany the celebration of the turning of a new page on the calendar. To such as are not entirely callous, the reflections that will crowd into their minds will probably be tinged to a greater or less degree with the sombre hue of regret. They will hardly be able to escape the consciousness of opportunities lost, mistakes made, follies and wrongs committed during the year that is now added to history.

Such thoughts cannot from their very nature be termed cheerful, but they are, none the less, salutary. It is not a bad thing to call a halt at this season, and reflect for a moment upon our shortcomings. Even the best of us will find a good deal of room for improvement. Perhaps we may have formed an inflated idea of our own importance. Perhaps, on the other hand, we have not properly estimated our capabilities for good. In any case, a calm review of the past may enable us to approach the new year with a chastened spirit, and a determination to make better use of such further time as may be allotted to us.

The course that lies before us as a people during 1917 is certain to be such as to call forth our best qualities of faith, fortitude, endurance, courage and determination. Greater calls for self-sacrifice and devotion to duty than we have yet been asked to meet will in all probability be placed before us. We do not doubt that such demands will be cheerfully met by men and women of our race in all parts of the Empire. The spectacle of the life-and-death struggle which daily unfolds itself before our eyes must at least help us to think less of our individual troubles, however heavy these may be. The exhibition of such splendid heroism and gallant devotion to duty on the part of our fellow-citizens in the four quarters of the globe, along with the magnificent valor and endurance displayed by our Allies in arms must surely help us to stiffen our backs and brace our shoulders to sustain with unbroken courage any additional burdens that may be our lot to bear.

It is impossible this year to put the same meaning into our greetings

as in bygone times, but there is no reason why we should not attempt to inspire ourselves and our neighbors with a goodly measure of hope and confidence. Let us all believe that better and brighter days are not far distant. Even amidst the most distressing circumstances in which any of us may be involved, we shall make no mistake if we make a determined effort to start 1917 by cordially wishing each other A Happy New Year!

## MR. A. T. JOHNSON.

Very general and very sincere will be the regret and grief felt in this city and district over the death of Mr. A. T. Johnson. The sad news announcing his passing at his home in Peoria, Illinois, was received this week by Mr. Price Ellison, and came as a great shock to his friends here, by whom the deceased gentleman was held in the highest esteem and regard. The sorrow over his death is deep and genuine, and extends among all who were privileged to be numbered among his friends, while it bears with particular weight upon the inner circle of his intimate associates who feel the loss to be indeed a heavy one.

Mr. Johnson, who was a brother of Mrs. Ellison, came first to Vernon some ten or twelve years ago. His health at that time had broken down from close application to business, he having had a long and honorable career as a successful banker in his native town of Peoria. He slowly regained his strength here, and in a few years his vigor and energy were almost completely restored. He became a fervent lover of Vernon and the Okanagan district, and made extensive property investments in this city. His activity was directed into various channels, and for a time he gave valuable assistance to Mr. Ellison in the conduct of his large ranching and business affairs. Among his other interests he was a member of the Vernon News Printing and Publishing Company, and by this paper he will be greatly missed. Of late years it had become Mr. Johnson's habit to spend the summer here, returning during the winter months to his Peoria home, and his annual visit to Vernon was looked forward to with pleasure by his many friends here. About two months ago he left for the east on what proved to be his last journey. His health then was not of the best, and it became worse shortly after his arrival home. The sudden end, however, was unexpected, and occasioned a shock of grief for which his friends were unprepared.

All who knew him will unite in a tribute of appreciation which Mr. Johnson's sterling qualities of mind and heart could not fail to evoke. It is no exaggeration of terms to call him a Christian gentleman with all that is implied by that high characterization. His business integrity was untarnished. Anything approaching to deceit or dishonest dealing was absolutely foreign to his character. His life as a citizen was free from stain or reproach. He was kindness personified, and his cheerful and sympathetic demeanour won a way into the inner recesses of the hearts of those with whom he associated. He never stifled a generous impulse, and his help was always freely extended to any worthy object or cause. He will be greatly missed, and his memory will long be cherished in affectionate regard by countless sorrowing friends.

To Mrs. Johnson and his two sons, who are well known here, sympathy will go forth in an unstinted degree. Their grief will, in a measure, be shared by many residents of the Okanagan, who sorrow with them in their hour of deep affliction.

## PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE.

President Wilson may have been prompted in sending his latest literary effusion to the belligerent Powers by a hope that his name would go down to history as the greatest mediator of modern times. He may, on the other hand, have been actuated by a dread of seeing his country drawn into the struggle. This latter motive is the one to which Secretary Lansing's explanation of the message seems to lend color. It is a virtual admission that sooner or later Germany's submarine outrages will force into action the President who has so far been content to confine his expression of disapproval over the murder of American citizens to empty words. In any case he has selected a most inopportune time to intrude his unsolicited and unwelcome advice upon a people who are in deadly earnest, and who hold in contempt the attitude of mind of a man who can see no difference in principle between the causes represented on the one side by the Entente, and on the other by the brutal butchers of Belgium's helpless and heroic people.

When President Wilson, in addressing his own people, professed ignorance and indifference as to the origin of the war the matter was one of United States domestic politics upon which it was not seemly for outside comment to be made. But now that President Wilson has renewed these observations in a communication to nations that are making the greatest sacrifice ever recorded in history in defence of human freedom the situation is changed, if the Allied Chancellors fall to point out to the Government at Washington, in of course the politest of terms, that there is really no justification for ignorance as to the motives which inspired them to

make these sacrifices, they will lose a golden opportunity of earning the plaudits and the hearty approval of the vast majority of the people of the United States.

In Canada as well as in Britain and France the note has been read with a feeling of mingled impatience and disgust. Nobody, it is true, pays much attention now to the lofty utterances of the man who is too proud to fight for the oppressed, who makes no attempt to protect or avenge the lives of Americans murdered by Huns or Mexicans, and who conspicuously or not has played into the hands of Germany in his latest move. Although President Wilson comes fresh from a victory at the polls, we doubt greatly if the American people will long continue to hold in favor an executive which places the nation in the virtual position of a vassal to Germany.

Surely if ever resentment against the utterance of the head of a great nation was amply justified it is in this instance. How can one refrain from experiencing a feeling of wrath when a man in President Wilson's position chooses calmly to hold an even balance between the belligerents in this great struggle? What can be thought of a man who ignores the crime of the Prussian military machine which prepared for a generation to force this awful conflict upon the world? Why must the ravishers of Belgium and Serbia, the murderers of the Lusitania victims and their many successors be placed on the same level as the nations who are sacrificing their all in blood and treasure in order that the innocent may be avenged, the oppressor cast down and liberty prevail in the world? And it is at a time when Great Britain and her Allies are at last reaching an adequate war footing, and when Germany sees ghastly ruin staring her in the face, that President Wilson is prompted to launch his proposal. After two years of gigantic and unparalleled effort the Entente Powers are now fairly on the way to rescue Belgium, Poland, Serbia and Northern France from the invader. They are advancing surely to the time when the bloodthirsty and devilish militarism of the Prussian war lords will be crushed to the dust. This supreme moment is chosen by President Wilson to issue his canting message. Can anybody doubt but it will receive the answer that it deserves? In diplomatic language, but in terms that will permit of no mistake, Mr. President Wilson will be told to "mind his own business."

## THE BACON HOG INDUSTRY.

Few people realize the change that has taken place in trade owing to the war. An example of this is shown in the bacon industry. Prior to 1914 each year saw the exports from Denmark to Great Britain increase and those of Canada decrease, for at least a decade back. Since that time Denmark has seemingly switched her trade from her friends to the enemy, for in 1915 the exports declined 73,000,000 pounds. At the same time Canada's exports have been continually on the increase, having been 23,620,861 pounds for the year ending March 31, 1914, 72,036,025 pounds for 1915, and 144,150,309 pounds for 1916. Against this has to be recorded a decrease in the last five years in the number of hogs in the country of one million. These facts are given in a pamphlet entitled "The Bacon Hog and the British Market," by John Bright, Live Stock Commissioner, and H. S. Arkell, Assistant Commissioner, that can be had free on application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. The author points out that this state of affairs is most unfortunate in the face of the rare opportunity that is offered to further extend our "Wiltshire side" trade with Great Britain, a trade that for the year ending December 31, 1915, amounted in value to \$15,957,652. While there is a certain demand also for the fat hog, Messrs. Bright and Arkell do not favor increased breeding in that direction for the export trade, as the United States are in a superior position to Canada for the raising of that particular sort. The bacon hog is our opportunity, but to take advantage of it we shall have to be more conservative in our methods. As the pamphlet says, the world over there exists a confidence in the future of the live stock trade which has no parallel in history. Canada has now the opportunity of placing herself in a very powerful position in the export bacon business. The most stable condition of affairs can be brought about by each farmer doing "his bit" to increase production without involving himself in any great financial outlay.

## GERMANY'S DREAD.

The German Chancellor told the Reichstag that in the summer, when the Russians had advanced in Galicia almost to the gates of Lemberg, and the Allies began battering prodigiously on the Somme, the position was "serious." He admits the truth. The fact was prodded into the minds of the war lords that, after all, they were facing real defeat in 1917. If the Allies were so strong in 1916 they would be much stronger in 1917. Peace must be brought about during the winter, when operations would slacken.

Many circumstances coincide to support the conclusion. The Belgian slave raids began in the autumn. The announcement was made of a Kingdom of Poland under German suzerainty. The one was designed

to coerce Belgium into pleading with the Allies for acceptance of German offers, the other to prepare Russia for terms that would include the loss of Poland and Lithuania. But the war lords knew that in the face of the reverses of June, July and August they could not offer peace without openly admitting fear of defeat and confessing weakness. They had to have the stage properly set. There must be a notable triumph that would lend an air of magnanimity to the offer. Roumania was selected as the stage. Reliable information from Europe is to the effect, contrary to most press dispatches, that Roumania had not decided to go into the war this year. After the Russian successes, Roumania had agreed to go into the war next March, in the meantime to be provided with Entente heavy artillery and ammunition. The Germans saw their chance. They issued an ultimatum to Bucharest to make its choice. Roumania received from Bulgaria a promise to remain aloof—which the Roumanians foolishly believed. The Teuton forces holding the Roumanian border were withdrawn to let the eager invaders spread themselves out in most vulnerable fashion. In the meantime, the armies of von Mackensen and Falkenhayn were gathered, and the double-jointed campaign to crush Roumania and get Bucharest began. The Roumanians fought bravely, but their lack of heavy artillery and experience disabled them. The Germans got Bucharest, got large stocks of foodstuffs, and their stage was made ready whereon to offer peace as a victor.

Without minimizing for a moment the importance of the Teuton gains in the Balkans, let us not forget that the true military position, as between the main contestants, was represented by the events of June, July, August, and September. Winter weather holds the armies tight in their trenches. The Germans have the advantage of this, but as soon as the weather rights for operations, that military condition of this summer will be restored, and Germany will undergo a further period of pressure that will succeed eventually in bringing her to her knees. To talk peace now, on the strength of the Bucharest event, would be to ignore the real military position, and be dazzled by a minor condition created specially for psychological ends.

## IN THE BALKANS.

The Russian High Command's assurance of an immediate counter-campaign, to recover Wallachia from the Teutons, is most comforting. If the Teutons were left to organize the territory they have taken, and to rob it of all stores, especially oil and grain, they would gain a hold upon the Eastern situation that perhaps could not be broken. The Russians see very well what an effect upon the Greek situation, and upon their expectation of getting Constantinople, inaction would have. It would be disastrous. The only thing that can now prevent the Teutons from sending formidable forces against General Sarraïl, in conjunction with attacks from the rear by Constantine's army, is a vigorous Russian counter-stroke that will draw out all available Teuton energy.

The Western Allies will, for the winter period at least, be forced to send large additional forces to the Greek theatre. General Sarraïl says that he prefers the open hostility of the Greek king to his "neutrality." Doubtless he is prepared to deal with Greek Royalist troops who may move against him. The statement on the Greek situation by Viscount Grey makes very clear that Entente Governments are now prepared to go to the limit of dethroning Constantine. That is obviously the only solution. If the Russians can put into the Roumanian theatre sufficient new forces to take the offensive vigorously, and prevent Teuton assistance to Constantine, the latter will fall quickly. His hope is the promised succor from the Central Empires. The Russian announcement will be noted by Hindenburg, and plans laid accordingly. That is what the Russians mainly desire. The Western Allies must be given time to develop their new strategy of placing highly formidable forces in Greece. The apathy of the British Government, which seems to have deadened action in the Balkans, is gone with the coming of the Lloyd George Administration. The new Government is likely to attempt a big Balkan scheme, as well as to press the Western fighting. Since the Germans have elected to make a big fight for an Eastern empire stretching down to the Indian Ocean, Allied strategy must be directed more toward thwarting those designs, and Russian initiative in recovering lost ground in the Balkans is the first step.

Russia can afford a lengthened fighting line better than the Teuton allies. They are short of men. The Russians are not. The latter now have sufficient rifles and rifle ammunition even if they are still somewhat short of heavy artillery and shells. The Roumanian army, even after its losses, is probably stronger numerically than the two Teuton armies that drove it out of Western Wallachia. The Teuton superiority in heavy guns and big shells did the trick, just the same as against Russia in 1915. If the Russian promise of a come-back to recover Roumania is made good, the British and French Governments will have little trouble in settling with Constantine.

## COALITION GOVERNMENTS.

Whatever the Lloyd George Government may be called, it is most emphatically not a coalition government, says the Winnipeg Telegram. The government whose place it took was a coalition government. When it was formed it was heralded as the one coalition government which was going to prove a success and convert the ill-omened tradition which is connected with this expedient. Instead, however, of reversing the precedent and establishing a new one, it illustrated and confirmed the ill-name of coalitions, and rendered clearer the reasons why they have earned such ill-repute.

By a fatal necessity, a coalition government seems to inherit the vices of both its progenitors and the virtues of neither. It cannot be single-minded. The driving power behind the various forces of which it is composed is not the temporary necessity which unites them, but the permanent differences which keep them apart. As a result, a coalition government drifts inevitably into a condition of idleness, that is to say, it is so busy keeping itself together that it has no time to do anything else. In the continuous effort to save its life, it loses it. It is like the invalid who regards health as the end of existence, instead of the necessary means by which existence fulfills its ends.

The Lloyd George government is a government united upon a definite programme, and is absolutely indifferent to the party affiliations of its members. It is the kind of government which creates a party, not one which expresses the views of one already in existence. As in the formation of all governments, different elements in the state are considered, but not the element of political party. A coalition presupposes that it will be resolved back into its original elements when the reason for the coalition has passed away. That is precisely what will not happen in the case of the Lloyd George government when the war is over. What will happen it is impossible to predict, but we know that it will not be that. Something in the nature of a National and Imperial party will emerge, with something which it will define as a National and Imperial policy. The process will be gradual, but it is bound to produce lines of cleavage which will supersede the old party divisions.

We often speak of the fundamental principles of the British Liberal and Conservative parties. Doubtless there are fundamental principles of cleavage between them. But at no time in their history were these fundamental principles consciously present all complete in the minds of the parties. In fact, it has often been very difficult to dig them out as operative in their actions, even when those are past. Where a historian fails, what possible chance of success would a prophet have? Asquith and Balfour as ex-premiers make dignified pall-bearers at the funeral of the old parties, but just what kind of lustrous infants are crowing in their nurses' arms to take their places is beyond our range of vision.

## SAVE YOUR SEED!

The following pertinent suggestion recently voiced by the Enderby Press is well worth the consideration of Okanagan farmers. The Press says: "Mr. F. Haseard knows the seed conditions of the valley about as well as any man can. He is conversant with the general grain conditions of the country as well. And his warning at this time should not be ignored. He says there are many small growers of grain, who have only a few tons, or even less, of what he says is the best seed wheat in the land—wheat grown on virgin soil—and they are feeding it to the chickens or the hogs. This, he believes, should be checked at once. He thinks the Government ought to put a seed inspector in the valley to take an inventory of the stock of seed wheat to be found here. The good wheat should be bought from the farmers or an exchange made with them, giving them feed wheat for the seed wheat now being fed away."

"Mr. Haseard believes there will be little or no seed wheat grown in the valley next season. He says, while it is yet too early to make the definite statement, there is every indication that the fall sown wheat will not come up, owing to the long dry spell following sowing. He knows of only a few acres of fall wheat which made any start before the snow came. Hundreds of acres were put in, but there was not the first sign of growth up to the coming of the snow."

"This will be a serious matter unless early steps are taken to conserve the seed wheat in the district, now going into food."

## TRIBUTES TO CANADA.

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 BELLEVUE—At the Jubilee Hospital, Vernon, on December 25th, to the wife of Mr. Eugene Bellevue, a daughter.

MARRIED.  
 STARK—PARSHLEY—On Thursday, December 21st, by Rev. Wm. Vance, Methodist Parsonage, Trooper Frank Stark of the 30th B. C. Horse to Miss Louise Murray Parshley, of Trinidad Island, daughter of Dr. Murray Parshley, Superintendent of the Hospital for Insane, Trinidad Island, British West Indies.

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## HARNESS

**FRANK S. REYNOLDS**  
COCKSHUTT AGENT VERNON, B.C.

## EMPRESS THEATRE

We have procured at considerable expense Special Feature programs for the Holiday Season. We have also procured Special Music for Thursday 28th, Saturday 30th, Monday 31st and Wednesday 3rd. (You might find it to your advantage to cut this advance list of programs out of the paper and hang it in some conspicuous place.)

### THURSDAY

**Sarah Bernhardt**  
in the five-part Blue Bird production

**Jeanne Dore**

Also "POTTS BUNGLES AGAIN", Nestor Comedy. Special Music.

### FRIDAY

**Theda Bara**

in the five act Fox production

"The Galley Slave"

Also "THE PLUMBER'S PICNIC", Comedy.

### SATURDAY

**Anna Held**

in the five part Famous Players production

"Madame La President"

Also "BILLY'S HEIRESS", Special Music.

### MONDAY

"Lem's College Career"

Two part Nestor Comedy feature. "ANIMATED WEEKLY", "PEG OF THE RING", Also "CUTIE FORTUNE HUNTING", Special Music.

### TUESDAY

**Pauline Frederick**

in the five part Famous Players production

"The Spider"

"RAFFLE FOR A HUSBAND", Nestor Comedy.

### WEDNESDAY

**Charlie Chaplin**

in the two act comedy feature

"The Count"

Also DOROTHY DAVENPORT in the five part Red Feather production "THE WAY OF THE WORLD"

COMING — WEDNESDAY, 17th — "THE ALIEN" Special Attraction in eight parts.  
Afternoon, 3:30—Children 15c, Adults, 25c. Evening, 8 o'clock—Reserved Seats 35c and 25c.

## NOTICE

Owing to our having lost so many practical chemists to the war department we have found it necessary to remove our stock and fixtures from our old store at the corner Barnard and Vance streets to our new store where by combining our staffs we will be able to give our many friends and patrons prompt and efficient service.

We take this opportunity of thanking the many customers of our old store for their many favors and trust we will have the pleasure of serving them at our new store.

R. E. BERRY

## TOWN AND DISTRICT

A. E. Morgan of Armstrong was in town on Friday.

Mrs. Kenyon of Ewing's Landing was a visitor to the city last week.

The public and high schools closed on Friday for the Christmas holidays.

N. P. Nelson of Mabel Lake was a visitor to the city last week.

Jas. Ingalls of Creighton Valley returned home last week from Alberta where he had spent several months.

Miss Simpson, teacher of the Reliance school, left on Saturday to spend the holidays at her home in Vancouver.

Miss Bessie Bell arrived on Saturday from Duncan, Vancouver Island, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bell of this city.

The Salvation Army Band made its usual annual Christmas round on Monday morning, playing carols and other appropriate music.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Edwards of Wood Lake were in town last week. Mr. Edwards has furnished a considerable quantity of mutton this year to local butchers.

G. A. McWilliams, district agent for the Singer Sewing Machine, went down to Sumasland last week to meet his son, "Pindley" McWilliams, who has been invalided home from the front after serving for two years with the 2nd C. M. R.

Christmas Day saw a dip of the thermometer to zero, and Vernon had its first real winter weather of the season. There is as yet hardly enough snow to make good sleighing, and wheels are still as much in evidence as runners.

A number of Vernon boys serving in various battalions at the coast came by Saturday's train to spend Christmas at home. Among them was a young man who had been invalided home from the front after serving for two years with the 2nd C. M. R.

Mrs. Carswell and Mrs. Conn returned last week from a visit to Manitoba. C. Creed of Armstrong was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coll McDonald of Rolling Lake were in town on Saturday. Geo. Heggie returned last Thursday from a business trip to the coast.

Angus Woods of Richlands was among the visitors to the city this week.

An alarm of fire on Christmas morning was occasioned by a burning chimney at a Pine Street residence.

J. A. Morrison, C. P. R. station agent, is taking his annual vacation, and his place is being filled by Relieving Officer Currie.

R. H. Robinson left yesterday to join a draft from Victoria which is on its way overseas. He has enlisted in the Royal Island Navigation Service, and expects to be sent to Mesopotamia.

Alderman R. V. Clement left on Saturday for California. His many friends here trust that the change of climate will greatly benefit his health, and that he will return in the spring with his strength fully restored.

Eric Henderson, who was attached to the 30th B. C. I. and who lately qualified at the Royal School of Infantry as a lieutenant, has been appointed to the "Overseas Company" of the 8th Fusiliers, Victoria. He is now taking his captain's course at Work Point.

The Presbyterian Manse was invaded in an unexpected manner last Friday evening by a number of the members of the congregation, who after wishing Mr. and Mrs. Main the compliments of the season, gave them a very tangible evidence of their esteem and affection by presenting them with a well filled purse.

In the list of those who passed the junior examinations of the Ontario College of Pharmacy appears the name of Francis McNary of B. A. Muir's drug store, who took the extremely high second on the first class honor list. Mr. McNary is certainly due for congratulations from his Vernon friends on his outstanding success.

Mrs. Maraden, the owner of the Grange Hotel, which has been conducted for several years past by Mr. Mott, announces that she will re-open this popular house under her own management on the first of January. During the time which she conducted the house, previous to her removal to Scotland, Mrs. Maraden made hosts of friends, and she herself to be a most capable and obliging hostess. By giving the same attention to the business which proved so satisfactory to her guests of former days, she hopes to soon secure a fair share of public patronage.

N. Giehrst, principal of the Lumby school, left Saturday to spend his holidays at Vancouver.

J. Milligan and family left on Saturday for Victoria where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. J. W. P. Ritchie, who has spent some time at the coast, returned home by Monday's train.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cossett left on Friday to spend Christmas at Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graham of Armstrong spent Christmas with friends at Lumby.

Miss Bessie Forester is home for the holidays from Seattle where she is training as a hospital nurse.

R. E. Kerr, the well known Kelowna lawyer, passed through yesterday on a business visit to Kamloops.

Curling is now in full swing on four rinks, the first games of the season being pulled off on Christmas Day.

Ticket No. 153 was the lucky number in the drawing for the furniture prize at Megaw's store. It was held by E. Belgrave of Schubert Street.

Stanley Remnant, who recently returned from home from service at the front, is making an effort to get into the aviation service, and with this end in view left for the coast by yesterday's train.

Lieut. Johnson, who has been recruiting throughout the Okanagan for the 21st Highlanders of Vancouver, returned to the coast last week, having secured about twenty recruits in this district.

A call has been issued by Miss Seymour, room, Secretary of the Enderby Women's Club, for a meeting of the women of the North Okanagan electoral district to be held at Enderby on the afternoon of Saturday, the 30th inst., at 1:30 o'clock. The meeting will deal with the political situation as it affects women, with a view to the formation of a League of Women Voters in North Okanagan.

B. M. Richards, the new president of the Farmers' Institute, has called a directors' meeting for next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. This will be followed by a general meeting of the Institute at 8 o'clock when the directors will present their reports on the model farm and agricultural school, packing and pruning schools, etc. Addresses will be given by the new officers, and the session will conclude with a social under the auspices of the Women's Institute, at which music will be furnished by the Weaver Orchestra.

The fine strain of Rhode Island Reds from the poultry yards of R. N. Clerke, Chief of Police, has won almost world-wide fame, as is indicated by the fact that this week he received a cable from New Zealand closing negotiations for nine birds for a noted fancier in that country. The price paid was an extremely high one, which Chief Clerke does not desire to be made public. We may say however that it would pay for several head of cattle, which goes to show that there is big money in poultry raising when conducted on scientific lines.

The Christmas Day services at All Saints' Church were well attended. At the evensong on the eve of the festival special music was rendered by the choir under the direction of Mr. Parker. A.R.C.O. The anthem was "Where were shepherds abiding in the fields," by Maunders. At 7 and 8 a.m. on Christmas Day the celebrations of Holy Communion were well attended, and at the chief service, at 11:15 a.m., the choral celebration was taken according to the rubric of the Book of Common Prayer, as presided by the Lord Bishop. The church had been beautifully decorated with green foliage, and white chrysanthemums and stelia adorned the altar.—Com.

After conducting a remarkably successful clean-up sale, R. E. Berry has closed his west end store, and will in future confine his business to his large establishment further up Barnard Avenue. At the time when he opened up business at the corner of Barnard Avenue and Vance Street, nine years ago, this old stand, named after the future owner, was a small place, but his enterprise could not be confined to such bounds and in a few years he had erected the splendid block in which is now housed what is by far the best furnished drug and stationery business in the interior. Many will regret to see the old store, which a few years ago was one of the busiest corners in town, closed, and it is hoped that it will soon be occupied by some other business.

An extra, gilt-edged programme for the holiday week has been prepared for the patrons of the Empress, and the forthcoming bill of fare certainly tops the notch for sustained merit. Tonight a Blue Bird production, "Jeanne Dore", will be presented, with Sarah Bernhardt in the leading role.

This is the first time that the "Divine Sarah" has ever been seen on the moving picture stage. On Friday a fine Fox photoplay, "The Galley Slave", will feature Theda Barr. On Saturday another celebrated actress of world-wide fame, Anna Held, will make her debut in the movies, the production being "Madame La Presidente" by the Famous Players.

On Tuesday Pauline Frederick will be seen to advantage in a great role in "The Spider", another famous player in the five-part film. Wednesday Charlie Chaplin will appear in "The Count", which is said to be one of his very best parts, and the same day's programme will include a Red Feather feature, "The Way of the World", featuring Hobart Bosworth and Dorothy Davenport. There is not a single weak link in this chain of attractions, and it looks like the strongest week's programme ever presented at the Empress.

Let your New Year's dinner at the Okanagan Cafe (next door to The Okanagan Grocery) where nothing but the best is served. 5 to 7 o'clock. 26-1

B. H. Knappman, late of the 26th B. C. Horse, has taken his squire's stripes after four months' training with the 6th Field Company, Canadian Engineers and is leaving Quebec shortly for overseas.

A dance will be held in the Odd-fellows' Hall on Monday, Jan. 2, under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The programme is sure to please, and several Scotch dances will be included. Admission \$1.00 couple; 50c single. 26-1

## NOTICE

### WEEKLY HALF HOLIDAY

A meeting of all those interested in the selection of a suitable day for the Weekly Half Holiday will be held in the Board of Trade Rooms on Wednesday, January 3rd, 1917, at 8 p.m. As this question will be voted on at the municipal elections it is desirable that the matter be discussed before the day of voting. Both employers and employees should attend.

LOUIS J. HALL,

Pres. Retail Merchants' Assn.

# A BUYING OPPORTUNITY SALE UNUSUAL AT MEGAW'S

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## Take Advantage of Its Saving Opportunity

We realize that it looks like committing suicide to run a sale during times like these in the face of the unprecedented advance in the price of practically everything offered here — Woollens, Shoes, Furniture, Hardware, Crockery, and with the prediction of many of the manufacturers that by this time next year it will be impossible to place orders for many of these at any price. But circumstances compel us to reduce our stocks many thousands of dollars — and we are going to make this sale your opportunity to secure : : : Dry Goods, Men's Wear, Furniture, Crockery and Hardware at Unheard of Reductions

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A whirlwind of Bargains will prevail, cost will not be considered, and former Sale Prices will be left in the lurch. An enormous stock of Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, Floor Oilcloths, Linoleums, Pictures and Wall Paper which must be got rid of at any price, but Cash is what will tell. We can promise you that ten dollars will do the work of twenty during this Furniture Clean Up. --- Carpets, Rugs, Dressers, Buffets, Chiffonniers, Dining Room Tables, Cabinets, Easy Chairs, Couches, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Springs — not space enough here to quote prices on all lines but come in and see for yourself the opportunities that "SPOT CASH" can bring.

Bear in Mind that the Regular Prices Marked on Each Article are from 25% to 45% Less than To-day's Prices --- at Sale Prices Figure the Saving.

## Opportunity Knocks at the Door of 60 Men During This Sale

When Suits and Overcoats of the quality we feature during this sale are offered for \$13.50 its only a question of having help enough to handle the rush.

There is a very good choice in both suits and coats; the patterns are neat and in most wanted shades of brown, and grey mixtures in both tweeds and worsteds. These garments are tailored by one of the leading Canadian manufacturers and are thoroughly reliable in every way and will give splendid service to their new owners; sizes 36 to 42.

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MEN'S FLANNEL WORK SHIRTS \$1.25—These are our regular \$2.00 and \$2.25 Flannel Work Shirts, made in grey and khaki military flannel; cut large and roomy and strongly sewn; sizes 14 1/2 to 17 1/2.

Sale Price.....\$1.25

MEN'S HEAVY TWEED WORK PANTS \$2.95—Any one of these Pants is a real bargain at Sale Price; very little more than you will pay for a good overall; made of heavy winter tweeds, in nearly all sizes. Sale Price.....\$2.95

MEN'S KNITTED COATS AT \$3.50—There is good choice in this lot for the man who wants a knitted coat for work or knocking around, and at Sale Price it means a good big saving. Regular values up to \$4.75. Sale Price.....\$3.50

BOYS' LINED GAUNTLETS—Cowboy style, the kind the boys like; made of good wearing soft finish leathers warmly lined. Regular \$1.00 values. Sale Price.....75c

BOYS' KNITTED COATS \$1.75—To fit boys up to 12 and 14 years; good strong yarns in heavy winter weight, an assortment of our regular \$2.00, \$2.25 up to \$2.75 coats. Sale Price.....\$1.75

## The Dr. Jaeger All Wool Garments for Men and Women at 20% Discount

The Jaeger company have given their permission to us as their agents to allow a 20% cash discount off all their garments now in stock at this store during this great opportunity sale—with the exception of Men's Wool and Cashmere Hose. Your chance to secure these famous garments at a good discount.

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Any \$25.00 Coat in the Store for.....\$16.50

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Any \$15.00 to \$18.00 Coat in the Store for.....\$10.00

Very low prices on Children's and Misses' Coats. Look them over.

## Bargain Extraordinary in Our Best Grades of Silk Waists, Your Choice \$3.85

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## Only Four of These Pretty Party Dresses on Sale at \$13.50

Many have admired them, they were our choice of the dozens and dozens our buyers had inspected. The styles, the materials are up-to-date, and fit and workmanship is perfect. Regular Prices of these dresses were \$22.50 and \$25.00. Yours for.....\$13.50

WOMEN'S OVERALL APRONS 50c—Made of American percale in neat stripe and check designs, colors will wash well; made in all sizes, easy fitting style. Sale Price.....50c

CRUMPTON'S CORSETS 95c—Odd lots from several of our best selling lines of Crumpton's well known corsets; there is sure to be a style and size in this lot to suit you. Regular values up to \$2.00. Sale Price.....95c

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These Table Linens represent a small lot of the better qualities which have been in stock for at least two seasons, bought from one of the most reliable manufacturers in Britain before the great war price advances, even at the regular prices are actually 35% less than today's prices, so that at a discount of 20% they are certainly a good buying opportunity. In this assortment you will find linen table covers and napkins worth from \$2.50 to \$8.50 at a discount.....20%

WOMEN'S FLEECE LINED HOSE 80c—Introduced into Canada this year to take the place of the high priced Cashmere Hosiery, very popular winter hose in the United States for years, given good service and is warmer than ordinary cotton hose for women. Sale Price, per pair.....30c

## Rare Bargains to be Chosen from These Christmas Lines of Women's Neckwear, Boudoir Caps and Tea Aprons at Half Price

Quite a number of beautiful Collars, Boudoir Caps and Tea Aprons to choose from, lines that have been left over from Xmas selling; all are arranged on a special table where they are easy to get at; the regular prices are in plain figures on each article. A Great Opportunity at.....Half Price

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The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.  
For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.  
**W. W. CORRY.**  
Deputy Minister of the Interior.  
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be tolerated.

## HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

**SUMMERLAND**  
Miss Edna McLeod, assistant on the municipal office staff, has been at Chilliwack this week, spending the Christmas holiday at the home of her parents there. Rev. and Mrs. A. W. McLeod, she left on the train last Thursday evening and expected to be away from her duties about a week.  
The family of Mr. T. N. Ritchie, as well as his niece, Mrs. Babbitt, and her daughter, Miss Jean, finally left Summerland last week, where their home has been made for many years, for Vancouver. Mr. Ritchie intends to work with his brother, James, on some extensive timber interests. They went out on the train on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, not being able to get sufficient sleeping accommodation on the one evening's train. There are many friends who regret that such old-time residents have to leave the place, and the hope has been expressed that at some future time the family may find that their lot brings them back to reside in Summerland.  
Mrs. T. H. Behan, who has been here for some time staying with her mother, Mrs. Conway, is expecting to go east shortly with her husband on an extended visit to his former home. Mr. Behan came in from the Coquihalla Pass section of the K. V. R. line, where he has been engaged on engineering work, a few days before Christmas, and is spending the holiday season here with Mrs. Behan.  
Summerland welcomed home its second returned veteran last week when Lindley McWilliams, one of the earliest settlers from this place, came in from Victoria on last Wednesday morning's train. Full young man, he has the experience of two years of war indelibly in his mind. He graduated from McMaster University, Toronto, a few months before the war broke out, and in the fall of 1914 enlisted with a number of others into the R. C. Horse, later getting transferred into the 2nd C. M. R., with which unit he went first to England and then across to France. He belonged to the machine gun section, and was in the front line trenches for many months. Ultimately he was invalided home, and during the time he was in hospital he was being sent back to Canada a short time ago. He has been staying since his return at the home of his brother, Mr. G. L. McWilliams. Mr. J. A. McWilliams, who now makes his headquarters in Vernon, came down and was here when his soldier son arrived. On Friday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage an informal reception was held to give the numerous friends of the returned soldier an opportunity of personally welcoming him back, and all the afternoon from two till after six there was a steady stream of callers, the Misses Henderson and their father, Rev. A. Henderson, recently returned from military service, and their military medical care and will not be able to do just exactly all he would like to do physically for many months yet, it is expected.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robson have been visitors this Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. R. Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Robson now reside in Rossland where Mr. Robson is public school principal, a position which he at one time held in this place.  
Some inconvenience was felt for the greater part of last week by the residents in one section of the lake shore district, owing to the fact that the telephone connection became interrupted, necessitating some extensive repair operations along Shaughnessy Avenue where the main cable runs underground. Early this week the trouble was still in process of being remedied, though temporary connection for some of the business houses was effected.  
The snow was here for Christmas, and the snappy, frosty single was in the air, though usually associated with Yuletide; even the carol singers were with us this Christmas Eve; but nevertheless, close to every true Canadian's heart at this time is the progress of the great war, and the thought of how near bereavement has come to many people naturally sobered down the usual festive spirit, modifying many a Christmas affair which might under less oppressive circumstances be quite pretentious into a moderate and quiet affair. The carol singers who reintroduced the singing custom into the district were a dozen or so singers from the lake front united choir, who made a round of the district in two cars on Christmas Eve. The night was too chilly to allow of anything but a very brief stop at each point, but well-known carol selections were rendered at a number of houses, and the singers seemed to consider themselves well repaid for giving up in this way about three hours of the early Christmas morning.  
Mr. John Tait is away spending the Christmas and New Year holiday at the coast. He left last Thursday evening on the westbound train for Victoria where he joined Mrs. Tait who preceded him by three weeks or so to visit with relatives there.  
An official of the post office department, acting temporarily in the stead of the late Mr. Greenfield, was here for a day or two last week, the occasion of his presence being the transfer of the West Summerland postmaster-ship to Mr. J. E. Phinney, who assumed his new duties on Tuesday. It is not thought that there will be any change of premises from the present location in the James Ritchie cement block.  
The cottage on College Hill recently vacated by Mrs. C. Woodworth is now being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, who recently came to Summerland from Nova Scotia, since which time they have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. G. J. C. White.  
Mrs. J. B. Robinson motored down from Peachland last Wednesday with her son George, spending the day here with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Lipsett.  
Death removed one of the most saintly women of the district last Thursday morning when Mrs. E. W. Sawyer passed away. She was the wife of Dr. E. W. Sawyer, for many years principal of Okanagan College. Though she had been ill for a considerable length of time more or less seriously, few of her friends had any idea that she was so near the brink of eternity. She bore with fortitude the inroads of disease which she must have realized were gradually gaining on her. She passed away on Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Walter Wright, where the family has been staying for the past two or three weeks. The funeral was held last Saturday, a service being held in the Parkdale Baptist Church at half past two, conducted by Rev. N. McNaughton, pastor of the Baptist Church, in which Mrs. Sawyer was an earnest member. A good number of the friends of the deceased lady attended this service out of respect to her memory. She lived a more or less retired life, but nevertheless built up a wide circle of friendships. After the service in the church the remains were taken to the cemetery at Peach Orchard where Mr. McNaughton conducted the last rites. Mrs. Sawyer leaves to mourn her passing, besides her husband, one daughter, Helen, and two sons, Edmund, now in Central America, and Bernard, now in the east. A brother, Mr. Bernard Crawley, is also here, and there are other brothers and sisters in the Maritime Provinces. An especially sad feature in the death of Mrs. Sawyer is the fact that she died just four days before the day set for her daughter's wedding. On Christmas night Miss Helen Sawyer is to become the bride of Mr. W. M. Armstrong, who will arrive from Vancouver on Monday. He has a student pastorate and at the same time pursues his studies. The wedding is to be a quiet one, and will be preceded with in spite of the sad bereavement of the bride.  
Mr. Munro, who recently left his Meadow Valley ranch to join the 8th Battery of Artillery now in training at Vancouver, has been back on a short furlough.  
Messrs. E. N. Rowley and C. Wharton were fortunate enough on their recent hunting trip up in the Albert Canyon district on the C. P. R. main line to get a large caribou as well as some deer.  
Mr. Ralph Kent, an old-timer in the district in the early days, and who is now making his home in Alberta, was back in Summerland for a few days last week, returning on Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, who have taken the house at West Summerland, are leaving for Vancouver to spend the holiday season at Vancouver. They are comparative recent arrivals in Summerland, having acquired property on Jones Flat.  
A great improvement is being carried out at the C. P. R. wharf by the placing of a few lifts round the tracks. Not only will the work in connection with the car barge after dark be greatly facilitated, but users of the wharf generally will appreciate the improvement these dark nights.  
The Presbyterian and Baptist Sunday Schools at West Summerland united in a joint gift service last Sunday afternoon, the plan of bringing "White Gifts for the King" being followed. The giver of the present was allowed to specify on their gift to what object it was to go, and the great popularity of the war-time object, to cultivate self-sacrifice at a time like this is a very fitting and met with great success.  
It is understood that Mr. Fred Neve, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neve of this place, and who has been in the place of the Union packing house at Penikese, has lately been enlisted into the Army Medical Corps. He has an engagement with the Provincial Government as a packing school instructor to fulfill before he can take his place in the ranks.  
Christmas Day brought a snap of real winter weather, but with a good fall of snow preceding it no one is worrying about the condition of the fruit trees. Excellent sleighing is to be had on most of the roads, and for those who have horses and carriages it is no less than the automobile. Is this the beginning of the South Okanagan winter?  
**SALMON RIVER**  
The annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute will be held in Glenemma Hall on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 1 p.m.  
W. F. and Miss Olive Smith were in Vernon on Monday.  
W. T. McEachen visited Armstrong on Wednesday.  
Sidney Scott is putting logs in the river this winter.  
Miss Hazel Petrie is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents in Glenemma.  
A Heywood has decorated the store for Christmas. It presents quite an attractive appearance and has had many visitors.  
A Heywood has now had the telephone installed at Glenemma store.  
W. Wilson and son were visitors to Vernon on Monday.  
A meeting to consider the proposed Farmers' Union was held in Glenemma Hall on Monday night. The attendance was not being good the discussion was postponed until a future date.  
L. J. Botting is giving up his school at Chase Creek and will reside on his homestead this winter.  
Mrs. W. Ferguson and family are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ferguson's mother, Mrs. Botting.  
Sergeant Carson is spending his Xmas holidays with his parents in Glenemma.  
The pupils at Glenemma School, under the superintendence of Miss Marshall, gave their Christmas entertainment on Friday evening. The programme was excellent and much appreciated by the audience present.  
R. Patterson of Endbury was in Glenemma on Wednesday on business.

## OLALLA

The many friends of John Cohen in Olalla are full of sympathy toward him on account of the accident he sustained on Friday, 15th inst. He was engaged in driving a lot of horses fresh from the range to Hedley to deliver to a purchaser there, when one of the animals suddenly reared and kicked him, breaking his leg in two places. He was taken to the hospital at Hedley, which will probably be his domicile for next two months. He is a great favorite in Olalla on account of his nature—friendly, humorous, and sober and industrious habits.  
Mr. Hiram Inglis passed through Olalla on Monday with a load of pork to Kereomeos.  
Mr. Colman, of Colman & Co., has gone to spend Xmas with his daughter in Tennessee.  
We are to have another turkey shoot on 21st inst. in Kereomeos, so all should out to be the chance looks good to secure a Xmas turkey, if one is a good shot.  
Miss Sewell was a visitor at Love's on Sunday.  
On Thursday, Misses Ramsay, Woods and Sewell take their departure for the coast. The two former are not coming back.  
The dance held at the opening of Mr. Newton's new store at Cawston turned out to be the "event of the season." Those who were present declare it was "just like the old-time dances in the valley." In view of the reputation of these old-time dances, such an expression is the highest praise.  
Mrs. Surprise was a visitor in Olalla on Monday.  
Henry Jensen is busily engaged in delivering wood to Kereomeos customers.  
The Kereomeos Sunday School are holding their annual Christmas tree and entertainment on Wednesday, 20th. The tree is to be a "giving" tree, and the money goes to provide a Christmas treat for the children whose fathers are at the front.  
Wm. Shuttleworth was fortunate in securing a fine deer last week.  
While coming to Sunday School last Sunday the Marsel boys saw two coyotes in their meadow, which seemed quite bold.  
Some of the boys of the 172nd regiment which recently arrived in England, have written to their parents to buy food, as their pay would not go far with bread a shilling a loaf, and they write that potatoes are \$6.00 per ton.  
Seats to accommodate four extra scholars have been put into the Olalla school, as the increasing size of the school, made the ordinary seating facilities not sufficient.  
In concluding these notes—probably the last for the year 1916—our correspondent wishes the Vernon News and its readers a happy and prosperous New Year, and may the year 1917 see us rejoicing in a victorious peace!

## OYAMA

Thursday evening last, the Ladies Aid with members of the Union Church gave the Rev. and Mrs. Cassidy a surprise party. During a very pleasant and social evening, speeches were made and Mr. Cassidy was presented with a purse of money and Mrs. Cassidy with a cushion cover, as a slight token of their appreciation of the services rendered by them. Refreshments were served before the surprise guests left for their homes.  
A hockey match was played on Christmas Day between the East and West side. It was a very strenuous game, and the boys had every appearance next day of having enjoyed themselves immensely. East side won, 7 goals to 1. Oyama appears to have some pretty good players left yet.  
**OKANAGAN LANDING**  
Mrs. H. H. Kenyon of Ewing's Landing paid us a visit last week.  
Capt. Weeks, who has been enjoying a well earned holiday is again to be in place, and who has been in the place of the Union packing house at Naramata.

Mr. Stobo has returned from a business trip to Kootenay points.  
J. P. Sutherland, the genial "Chief" of the "Tug Naramata," is taking a couple of weeks off, and will begin the New Year right by going back to work on the 1st.  
Our old friend Murray Donaldson has taken unto himself a "Oh don't get excited, I mean a motor car. Pedestrians take notice."  
During the recent Canadian Patriotic Fund campaign Okanagan Landing, apart from C. P. R. employees, subscribed over two hundred dollars for next year, and almost half of this has been paid up already. When it comes to "digging up" the Landing has never yet taken a back seat. We expect the C. P. R. lists will be in shortly and confidently expect that the total for this place will then be close on five hundred dollars.  
**LUMBY**  
Joe Muchowski, who has been living in Vernon for the past year or thereabout, returned to Lumby last week, and has gone to reside on his old place at Blue Springs, having taken it back from the Kereomeos residents. Some of the Vancouverites who took hold of the property last year with a view to purchase.  
Angus McKay of Hilton paid a visit to Lumby last Thursday.  
Jimmy Inglis, who has been at Claresholm, Southern Alberta, all fall, returned to his home at Creighton Valley last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Morris of Kelowna returned to Lumby last week after having spent practically all the summer in Vernon, where Mr. Morris has had several contracts for laying bricks.  
Frank Nock and W. H. Chesterfield of Mabel Lake drove to Vernon on Thursday last, the former returning the same day and the latter remaining over till Saturday.  
N. P. Nelson of Mabel Lake, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Hagstead, and her son spent a few days here last week. Mr. Nelson also visited Vernon while here.  
Jerry and Oscar Quessel, who are on a trapping expedition this winter on the Chase Creek Plateau, came in to spend Christmas at their home in Blue Springs.  
C. A. Sigale and daughter of Mabel Lake accompanied by John Hoas were among those who visited Lumby and Vernon last week.  
Mrs. F. N. Morand came up from Vernon for a couple of days last week.  
Miss Dorothy Simpson, teacher of the Kelowna school, left on Friday for Vancouver, where she is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.  
Mrs. Andrew Sigale of Mabel Lake is spending Christmas with friends in Vernon.  
Miss Amy Quessel of Blue Springs spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Quessel in Lumby.  
Mrs. Jas. Smith and son of Lavington were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Deschamps last week.  
Mrs. Edna Bessette left on Saturday for the coast, she expects to be absent for about three weeks.  
Angus Woods of Hilton spent Christmas in Vernon.  
Miss Fuhr, teacher of Shuswap Falls school, is spending the holidays at Armstrong, where her parents reside.  
Last Saturday we were surprised by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Coll McDonald of Kelowna, who were on their way to Vernon for the day. We are very pleased to see that the former has sufficiently recovered from his recent attack of rheumatism to be able to get out.  
N. Glechrist, principal of the Lumby school, left on Friday for Vancouver to spend Christmas with his parents.  
Blanche Christen is visiting her sister, Mrs. Paulson, in Vernon.  
Mrs. Richards is spending Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hardie.  
Miss Raynier left on Saturday for her home in Armstrong, where she is spending the holidays.  
One day last week Jean Gallon captured a couple of "coyotes, one shot each being sufficient for them.  
Presbyterian services for Sunday December 24th, are as follows: Lumby, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Lumby, service, 11 a.m.; Lavington, service, 2.30 p.m.  
**Annual School Concert.**  
The usual annual school concert took place here on the 21st inst., and was successfully carried out by the principal, Mr. N. Glechrist, and Miss Raymer, his assistant, also Miss Leonie Quessel, who filled the capacity of accompanist for the songs, etc. The efforts together with the pupils' talent was much appreciated by all present to the parents, while the children were more than delighted with "Santa Claus" and his presents. Mr. Glechrist and Miss Raymer were the recipients of two nice presents from the school children. The programme was as follows: Chorus, "Good Luck to the Boys of the Allies"; School; dialogue, "Christmas"; Primer; recitation, "No. 1"; Angie Deschamps; dialogue, "Spelling"; Seniors; songs; "Recipe for a Pussy Cat"; Junior; dialogue, "March of the Brave"; Angie and Clifford Deschamps; recitation, "A Piece"; Eva Pollard; dialogue, "Trials of a School Mistress"; Seniors; song, "The Christmas Eve"; Loida Norris; Irene Morand; Florence Genter and Alma Bessette; recitation, "Not Bull That Way"; Charlie Norris; solo, "On the Shores of Italy"; Lizzie Genter; dialogue, "The Sewing Society"; Seniors; recitation, "Der Dog and Der Lobster"; Bessette; solo, "O First Glad Christmas Morn"; Lorette Quessel; recitation, "Reading the President's Message"; Loida Norris; dialogue, "How Girls Study"; Seniors; recitation, "Baby Logic"; Maud Jackson; solo, "A Night in the Old Kenton Home"; Wilfred Morand; recitation, "The Kaiser's Dream"; Oliver Brett; recitation, "Little Flo's Letter"; Lorette Quessel; dialogue, "Friday Afternoon Composition"; Seniors; song and dialogue, "Freedy"; Juniors; recitation, "The Skeleton at the Feast"; Andrew Jackson; recitation and song, "When Father Papared the Parlor"; Oana Quessel; dialogue, "A Piece of Cake"; Juniors; solo and chorus, "Knitting"; Lizzie Genter and three girls; recitation, "The New Baby"; Ruth Norris; song, "Chin Chin Chinaman"; Ave boys; recitation, "John Chinaman"; Deschamps; dialogue, "A Railroad Matinee"; Seniors; song, "Busy Bodies"; Juniors; recitation, "Worry Through"; Bert Sapper; recitation, "Hiddy Davidson and His Wife's Dispute"; Andrew Powell; "Daisy Maid's Drill"; sixteen girls; dialogue, "Wanted a Valet"; Seniors; Santa Claus and Christmas Tree; "God Save the King." This ended the programme of a very pleasant evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large number from Lumby and the surrounding districts.  
Following is the standing of the pupils of the school at Shuswap Falls: Fourth Reader, Angus Sigale; Third Reader, 1st, Walter Derby; 2nd, Thomas Warner; 3rd, Lena Sigale; 4th, 1st, Walter Derby; 2nd, Jessie Warner; 3rd, Charles Warner; Teacher, A. M. Fuhr.

## ENDERBY

Among the many Christmas visitors we noticed L. Paradis and son Henry from Chase, Alderman Faulkner from Kingsvale, A. Antilla of Kamloops, Mrs. Phyllis Faulkner, teacher near Kamloops, W. J. Clark of Chase.  
The Sunday School entertainments of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches passed off very successfully. The children took their parts well, and the well filled Christmas trees showed the scholars that Santa Claus had not forgotten them.  
Ex-Mayor Rutan, wife and child of Vanderhoof are spending the Yuletide with their daughter, Miss Mabel Rutan.  
We hear the Mabel Lake school has been closed on account of not having a sufficient number of scholars.  
The many friends of Mrs. John Burnham at the station are pleased to hear that she is recovering after her recent illness.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Skilling are spending a few days with their parents in Vancouver.  
We are very sorry to hear that the school trustees have resigned. If the critics would assist the trustees in their work instead of grumbling and making fault it would help very materially in the success of our schools.  
The Twentieth Century Bible Class gave a social evening, Wednesday night, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pearson who are leaving shortly for Weyburn, Sask. They will be greatly missed as they took a very active part in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church.  
There is no great rush for municipal honors as yet.  
Rev. C. Reed has received a call to the Anglican Church at Kamloops and has accepted.  
Mr. Cowan is giving up his ranch for a time on account of ill health. He is getting Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Salmon Arm Road, to take charge of it.

## OKANAGAN CENTRE

Father Christmas has come and gone and another happy memory of him is stored up in the minds of our children. Friday afternoon the entire population of the Centre with very few exceptions was gathered in the school room which presented a very festive appearance with its artistic decorations of fir, Oregon grape and bunches of cranberries, the tree in the corner shone with pretty things and exciting looking presents peeped out from between its branches. A word of thanks might here be said to all those who kindly gathered on Thursday afternoon to help with the decorations; special thanks are due to Mr. Glechrist for all the trouble he took once more to make the stage an artistic triumph. The programme of the entertainment was as follows: Part song, "Greeting," (Mendelssohn), the children; recitation, "Three Little Maids," from the Mikado, Miss Faircloth; Mrs. K. H. Morris; Miss K. Morris; violin solo, "Mazur," by Mlynarski, Mrs. Robinson; song, "Good and Bad Children," Graham Peel, Mr. Robinson; song, "A May Morning Dena," Miss Faircloth; trick performance of a prize Arab, staged by Mr. Pixon; song, "A Gypsy Maiden," Miss K. Morris; song, "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," Miss Dillon; carol, the children. Part II—"A Pair of Lunatics," Capt. George Fielding, Mr. Robinson; Miss Clara Meniers, Mrs. Robinson. Part III—"Tea-Jots and Part IV—Distribution of presents from the tree by Father Christmas, who has been asked to drop in if he thinks the children have been good enough. The whole of Part I was very successfully carried out, Mr. Pixon's exceedingly humorous exhibition of trick horsemanship(?) succeeded not only in amusing the children as he hoped, but in keeping the grown-ups in one ripple of laughter from beginning to end. The "Three Little Maids" in Japanese costume were no dainty a trio as anyone could meet in Japan and richly deserved their encore. Miss Dillon's song, "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," was given in splendid style, and she carried the whole room with her in the patriotic chorus. She very kindly gave an encore. Miss K. Morris's pretty gypsy costume brought a picture of Sunny Spain vividly before us. We pass over Part II, as dramatic criticism cannot very well be directed from the stage; we can only say if the audience enjoyed "A Pair of Lunatics" only half as much as the players the latter's efforts were well rewarded. Part III was an unqualified success and we all obeyed the programme to the letter. Afterwards Father Christmas appeared to the joy of the children and soon happy faces were bending over the presents he distributed from the tree. As in former years he seems to have made a good selection, and all seemed delighted with their gifts. A new feature was a curious snowball he had discovered somewhere and which upon investigation proved to be full of surprises to be pulled out by strings, each boy and girl holding one. Altogether it was a most enjoyable afternoon and even those of us who are more than six years old felt all the thrills inseparable from a Christmas party.  
The Rev. C. Campbell Brown conducted the service on Sunday. We all felt privileged to hear his fine address, and we enjoyed sing the dear old Christmas hymns which bring back so many happy memories of far away places and people to most of us. During the taking of the offering Mr. Gounod's "Nazareth" was sung by Mr. Robinson.  
Miss Conyn Ching went across the lake on Thursday to spend Christmas at Flintry.  
Mrs. Duke and her son, John, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy on Christmas Day, and Miss Faircloth and Mr. Macalister spent the day at Mrs. Morris.  
Miss Sarah Wey and her brother Frank returned home from Victoria on Saturday.  
"Anything new in the show?" asked the local manager.  
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## TWENTY YEARS AGO

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The old lock-up at Landowne has been moved over to Armstrong.  
The Armstrong mill is now offering \$25 per ton for wheat, the highest price paid here for some years past.  
R. Sparling, principal of the public school, delivered a very interesting lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, in the Methodist Church on Monday night. His subject was "A Trip Across Canada."  
One of the heaviest falls of snow ever known in this district took place last week. It commenced on Friday night and continued without intermission until Saturday evening, during which time about 18 inches fell.  
Mayor F. A. Meyer will stand again for election next year, and will be opposed by W. J. Armstrong.  
The executive of the Women's Council have started out to canvass the city and district for funds to secure the establishment of a cottage hospital.



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**NOTICE**—Rawleigh's Lintment and Salves, Stock Foods and Poultry Powders are now being obtained at the Okanagan Saddlery. W. H. PATES, Rawleighman. 35-4

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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM KING GEORGE

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The following message has been received from His Majesty the King by the Governor-General to the soldiers and sailors: "London—I send you, my soldiers and sailors, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you for victory gained, for the hardships endured and your unflinching cheerfulness. Another Christmas has come around, and we are still at war. But the Empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you." (Signed) "GEORGE, R. I."

Also the following cable to the sick and wounded.

"At this Christmastide the Queen and I are thinking, more than ever, of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers. From our hearts we wish them strength to bear their sufferings; quick recovery to health, a peaceful Christmas and many happy years to come." (Signed) "GEORGE, R. I."

## AN AFFRONT TO ALLIES

Gifford Pinchot's Opinion of the Note of President Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 26.—In a published statement, Gifford Pinchot calls the Wilson note an affront to France and England and a slap at American principles.

"Why is Clara so angry with the photographer?"

"She found a label on the back of her picture stating: 'The original of this photograph is carefully preserved.'"

## WARSHIPS HAD FIGHT

But Austrians Fled When Aiding Vessels Came.

Rome, Dec. 26.—A naval engagement between French, Italian, and Austrian warships in the Strait of Otranto is announced in an official statement issued by the admiralty. The statement says: "Several enemy ships attacked our patrol vessels in the Strait of Otranto on the night of December 23. French and Italian warships came to the rescue and the enemy fled under cover of darkness after a sharp engagement. What damage he suffered is unknown. Two French destroyers and one patrol boat were hit and slightly damaged."

## VERNON BRANCH

RED CROSS SOCIETY

The box of Red Cross supplies recently sent by the Vernon Branch, Canadian Red Cross Society, included the work sent in from Mrs. Burroughs' sewing circle (South Vernon), Miss Taylor, Mrs. Cole's working parties; socks from Mrs. Craigmile, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Tennant and Mrs. Howe. The shipment contained the following: 23 face cloths, 5 bed comforts, 5 convalescent shirts, 11 surgical dressings, 21 towels, 2 amputation dressings, 14 knee bandages, 2 operation stockings, 3 "T" bandages, 2 pyjama suits, 5 hot water bottle covers, 1 bundle of old cotton, 8 pairs war slippers, 2 mufflers, 1 pair socks, 66 eye bandages.

The following criticism was sent from the Vancouver Red Cross upon the quality of this branch's work.

"The articles sent in are very nice and the parcel is one that we are delighted to look through for everything is well made. Your slippers are quite attractive so are several other garments I might mention.—Com.

## MILESTONES IN THE PATH OF GLORY

(From the Vancouver World.)

August 4, 1914.—Belgium invaded, her neutrality broken, her citizens tortured and shot, her women violated, her children done to death.

President Wilson sends a Note.

February 4, 1915.—Germany announces policy of piracy at sea and murder at land.

President Wilson sends a note which means nothing.

March 8, 1915.—Germany starts sinking ships indiscriminately, butchering the Americans on board.

President Wilson does nothing.

April 6, 1915.—The Kaiser publicly regrets his naval commanders are under the necessity of murdering Americans.

President Wilson does nothing.

May 7, 1915.—Germany sinks the Lusitania with loss of 1100 persons.

May 10, 1915.—President Wilson announces he is too proud to fight.

May 13, 1915.—President Wilson sends another note.

May 17, 1915.—Secretary Bryan tells the German Ambassador that the President doesn't mean a word of it.

May 21, 1915.—Proofs of Germany's nameless barbarism in Belgium are given the world.

President Wilson does nothing.

July 25, 1915.—Further attacks on American steamers.

President Wilson does nothing. He sends more notes.

August 18, 1915.—Bernstorff promises there will be no more murders of Americans.

August 19, 1915.—Arabic sunk; two Americans murdered.

President Wilson continues to take active physical exercise at the typewriter.

October 12, 1915.—Miss Cavell executed.

President Wilson says nothing.

November 20, 1915.—Hesperian, Ancona, Persia and other vessels sunk, Americans being murdered.

President Wilson says nothing.

January 7, 1916.—Bernstorff promises no more Americans will be murdered.

March 24, 1916.—Germany sinks the Sussex, murdering more Americans.

President Wilson makes a mild protest.

April 30, 1916.—Full particulars of the horrors perpetrated in Serbia and Armenia by the Austro-Germans and their allies are given to the world.

President Wilson says nothing.

May 20, 1916.—Germany goes on sinking neutral ships.

President Wilson says nothing.

October 30, 1916.—Deportations of Belgians into slavery made known.

President Wilson does nothing.

December 20, 1916.—Germany is on the eve of collapse and is begging for peace.

December 21, 1916.—President Wilson promptly "in the name of humanity" declares that the Allies will not fight for peace until they are fighting for and that they ought to make terms with Germany immediately.

## RINGING REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

French Statesman Says That the Allies Prefer Death to Servitude.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Senator D'Estournelles de Constant, in a statement regarding President Wilson's peace suggestions, says: "I think the President is actuated by generous intentions, but since he speaks as a friend he must permit us to respond as friends. Justifying his action, the President speaks of American interest. American interest is inseparable from French interest, which is inseparable from the interest of humanity. Free people can not exist except under the regime of right. The President asks us our aims in the war. Will he ask Belgium that question? Our aim is the defeating of violence to us in the war which was plotted and directed against us by an assassin defying all national, international and human rights. Our aim is the defeating of violence and oppression today as it has been for a century, since France and the United States fought for independence. Our aim is to reduce to an impossibility the chance of war being started again. If unhappily, we stopped before the proper time—if we gave Germany a truce so badly needed for rehabilitation, it would be momentarily satisfactory for all; but we are incapable of such cowardice. Such action means deserting the battlefield now, but drawing it after for our children. It means we save the Hohenzollern empire and betray civilization. We who always wanted peace and always preached peace respond to President Wilson's call. We prefer death to servitude and will continue the war, regardless of sacrifices, until we obtain for the world the reparation due to the war victims and for the future guarantee of durable peace founded on respect of right."

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Div. 5.—Second Primer: Ethel Fraser, Rita Hansford, Eileen Edwards, Muriel Butchart, First Primer: Edna Lake, Hazel Ball, Ruth Hodgson.

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**MASON STREET SCHOOL.**

Div. 1.—Gladys Briard, Roy Campbell, Edward Thompson, Jack Langford, Freda Conkling.

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## PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE.

The Punctuality Shield goes this month to Division 1, Mason Street School, where there were no tardies, and the Attendance Shield to Division 1, Central School, which had an attendance of 99.52% of the possible.

## ANNANCE RELEASED.

Victoria, Dec. 27.—Peter Annance, the "goat" in the Scott plugging scandal has been released from the provincial jail. More than seven months ago he was sentenced to nine months and a fine of \$250, an additional three months for failure to pay the fine was unpaid. With good conduct time credited Annance's time is said to have been up on Dec. 23rd. The fine, with the extra three months are said to have been remitted by the executive.

## THE GREAT OBSTACLE OF PEACE.

(From the Toronto Globe)

"With the consciousness of victory," as he tells his armies, the Kaiser offers peace. The Allies will not accept an offer to enter into peace negotiations until the consciousness of victory is much less in evidence in Berlin than it is today. It is asserted, unofficially, that Germany is prepared to evacuate northern France and Belgium, but that this will be conditional upon the restoration of her overseas territories. In the east she will demand that kingdoms be established in Poland and Lithuania, presumably under German sovereignty, and that certain territorial readjustments shall be made in the Balkans.

To consent to enter into negotiations for peace at the present time, on the terms and in the spirit proposed in the Reichstag by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, would be tantamount to an admission of defeat by the Allies.

"That the offer will be rejected cannot be doubted. The Allies cannot breathe the sword until their ends are accomplished. These include guarantee for the future peace of Europe. It is as true today as it was on the outbreak of war that the political obstacle to peace in Europe is Germany. Premature and inconclusive peace on the initiative of a Germany that boasts of victory would be an act of unparalleled treachery to the cause of the Allies professing to bear the brunt of the war."

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## CITY'S FINANCES IN BETTER SHAPE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Council had to thank His Worship for his uniform courtesy and consideration, and the tact and good judgment which he had always maintained. He thought the citizens would be indeed fortunate if they accepted the services of a mayor next year who would give as much time and work to civic affairs as Mr. Smith had done. It was a great satisfaction to know that the Council had accomplished something worth while this year, and a great debt to this he was due to the zeal and tact of the Mayor.

Ald. Shattford cordially endorsed all that Ald. Costerton had said. It had been a pleasure, he said, to serve with Mayor Smith, and he could not conscientiously say that all members of the Council had one end in view, and had done their best in the interests of the city. If the incoming Council would carry on the work in the same way the finances of the city would soon be in a very satisfactory position.

Ald. Ball said that as he had been a new member of the Council this year, he had, perhaps, taken the smallest share of the work, as it required some time to get into harness and a new man had to learn by experience as he went along. For this reason he saw force in suggestions that had been made at the Union of B. C. Municipalities that aldermen should be elected for a term of two years. He referred to the harmony which had always prevailed in the Council, the having been no squabbles or disputes beyond those arising from a natural difference of opinion at times. He was thoroughly in accord with what had been said of the great care and time spent by the Mayor, who gratefully performed a vast amount of work in the interest of the public. The city now is in a position, he thought, that might well arouse the envy of many municipalities. It should be the effort of the citizens to keep up a continuity of the work in the Council, and he hoped this aim would be kept in view at the elections.

## The Mayor's Thanks.

His Worship expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for all that had been said concerning him. That there had been a pleasure to him, and he hoped that some member of the present Council would find his way into the Mayor's chair next year, as he considered it an undoubted fact that experience is essential to efficient service in this position.

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